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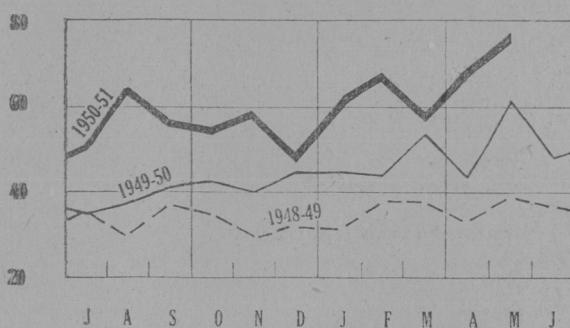
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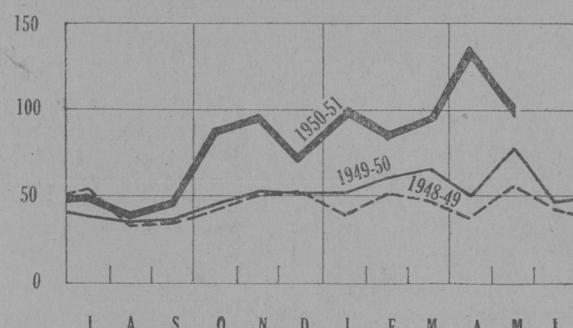
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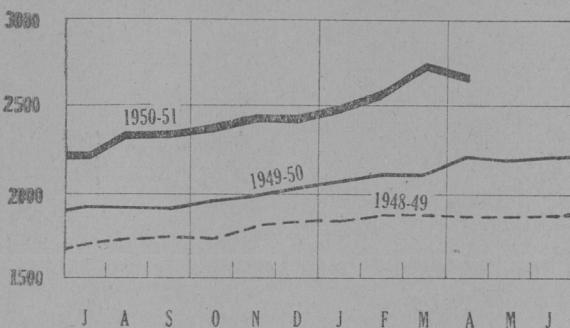
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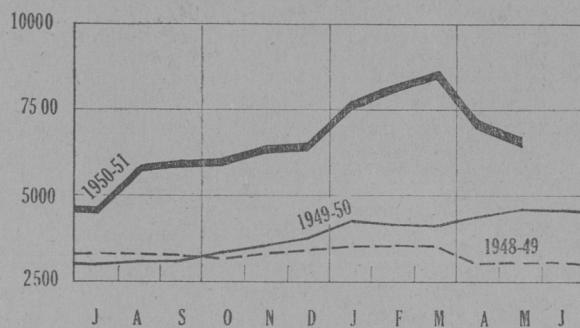
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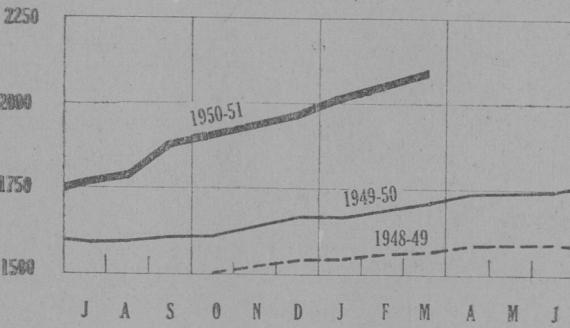
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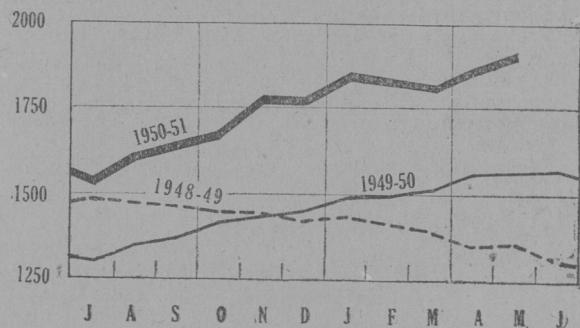
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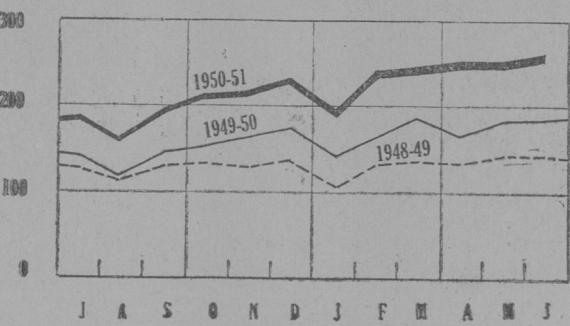
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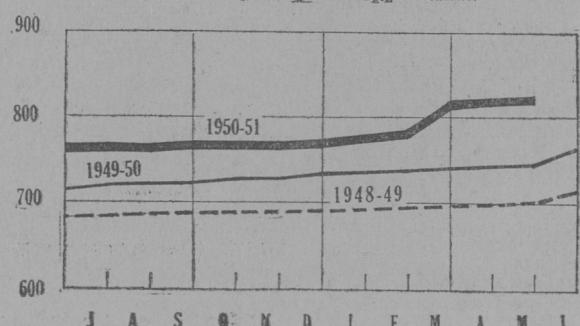
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following table summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Employment—Australia.(a)						Average Weekly Wage Earnings—Australia : Index No. (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000) (d).	Wholesale Trade—Australia : Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts. (e)	Mainland State Railways Gross Revenue. (e)			
	Estimated Total—All Employment.	Total—end of month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces). (b)			Factories : Number of Persons Employed. (c)	Retail Stores : Index No. (Base : July, 1933 = 1,000). (d)						
		Males.	Females.	Total.								
1932-33 ..	'000. (f) 1,644	'000. (f) 992	'000. (f) 341	'000. (f) 1,333	352	(g) 1,000	..	£ millions. 29.1	£'000. 3,017			
1936-37 ..	..	..	..	..	499	1,247	..	37.2	3,407
1937-38 ..	..	..	..	..	536	1,283	..	40.6	3,632
1938-39 ..	(h) 2,061	(h) 1,293	(h) 437	(h) 1,730	542	1,300	..	39.8	3,580			
1943-44 ..	(j) 2,104	1,274	640	1,914	745	1,104	1,028	50.5	6,434			
1944-45 ..	(k) 2,115	1,284	626	1,910	727	1,138	1,013	52.3	5,869			
1945-46 ..	†(l) 2,344	1,379	602	1,981	718	1,267	1,000	55.7	5,576			
1946-47 ..	†m2,481	1,592	610	2,202	776	1,448	1,035	66.8	5,303			
1947-48 ..	..	1,693	635	2,328	816	1,559	1,159	79.5	(n) 6,376		
1948-49 ..	..	1,757	656	2,413	840	1,678	1,321	93.4	7,174		
1949-50 ..	..	1,810	675	2,485	854	1,711	1,451	110.2	7,702		
1948-49—												
May ..	..	1,787	664	2,451	852	1,689	1,361	104.3	7,606		
June ..	..	1,772	658	2,430	834	1,687	1,392	98.7	7,264		
1949-50—												
July ..	..	1,688	633	(o) 2,321	758	1,660	(o) 1,318	88.2	4,119		
August ..	..	1,764	659	(o) 2,423	832	1,678	(o) 1,345	95.6	6,213		
September ..	..	1,790	666	2,456	846	1,684	1,422	108.1	7,852		
October ..	..	1,798	672	2,470	854	1,688	1,422	111.5	8,156		
November ..	..	1,811	677	2,488	859	1,728	1,426	105.7	8,453		
December ..	..	1,817	681	2,498	856	1,794	1,454	113.8	8,370		
January ..	..	1,822	674	2,496	860	1,716	1,471	92.6	8,302		
February ..	..	1,835	681	2,516	869	1,699	1,476	110.2	7,705		
March ..	..	1,839	688	2,527	876	1,713	1,507	124.1	8,540		
April ..	..	1,846	686	2,532	875	1,716	1,490	110.5	7,574		
May ..	..	1,855	689	2,544	880	1,726	1,521	134.9	8,709		
June ..	..	1,859	688	2,547	883	1,729	1,552	126.6	8,438		
1950-51—												
July ..	..	1,858	690	2,548	883	1,730	1,548	117.8	7,679		
August ..	..	1,864	691	2,555	884	1,738	1,607	130.1	8,895		
September ..	..	1,868	696	2,564	886	1,752	*1,586	132.3	8,816		
October ..	..	1,844	700	(o) 2,544	884	1,780	*1,604	146.0	7,732		
November ..	..	1,864	708	(o) 2,572	889	1,834	*1,637	137.8	6,838		
December ..	..	1,884	712	2,596	891	1,882	1,732	133.9	8,480		
January ..	..	1,887	703	2,590	893	1,808	1,786	†121.9	9,323		
February ..	..	1,895	713	2,608	899	1,806	*1,835		8,702		
March ..	..	1,897	716	2,613	900	1,813	†1,844		9,144		
April ..	..	1,905	718	2,623	905	1,822	†1,879		9,400		
May ..	..				1,835						

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers. (b) Figures for June, 1933, July, 1939, and June, 1943, were obtained from the Census, National Register and Civilian Register respectively. (c) Excludes working proprietors. (d) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus 45 per cent. of female employment. Seasonally adjusted. (e) Monthly average for years, and monthly totals. (f) June, 1933. (g) July, 1933. (h) July, 1939. (i) Averages for year. (j) June, 1943. (k) June, 1945. (l) June, 1946. (m) June, 1947. (n) From July, 1947, covers all State and Commonwealth railways systems. (o) Affected by industrial disputes.

For meaning of symbols .., †, — see page 1.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	P.M.G.'s Department Receipts. (a)	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of Period. (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Building Permits (b) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Savings Bank Deposits at end of Period.	Australian Notes held by Public.	Bank Clearings Six Capitals (Weekly Averages).	Nine Trading Banks.						
								Deposits.		Advances.				
		Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, etc.					Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.					
		£'000. (c)	'000. (c)	£'000. (c)	£ millions. (d)	£ millions. (d)	£ millions. (e)	£ millions. (e)	£ millions. (e)	£ millions. (e)				
1932-33	..	1,053	438	106	565	202.3	25.0	30.1	183.2	86.7				
1936-37	..	1,318	499	214	1,986	230.9	29.4	42.0	184.7	112.9				
1937-38	..	1,396	535	242	2,307	240.4	31.5	44.0	194.8	120.0				
1938-39	..	1,447	562	258	2,353	245.6	32.9	43.1	198.8	118.9				
1944-45	..	2,323	506	291	520	567.0	177.0	72.2	224.0	343.8				
1945-46	..	2,371	523	333	2,190	663.6	175.4	79.6	220.4	386.0				
1946-47	..	2,484	550	376	4,084	660.0	180.7	93.9	206.9	429.7				
1947-48	..	2,616	593	414	4,687	681.3	175.8	109.8	201.9	471.6				
1948-49	..	2,776	655	452	5,577	714.2	178.6	131.0	211.3	565.1				
1949-50	..	3,196	768	496	7,129	762.1	194.3	160.4	224.5	685.6				
1950-51	..	3,732				837.4	219.0	218.3	247.7	896.5				
Monthly Totals.														
1949-50—														
July	..	2,522	660	451	5,026	719.6	187.5	140.9	213.4	579.2				
August	..	2,935	670	457	6,401	721.4	187.4	118.5	212.6	578.5				
September	..	2,868	677	462	7,136	723.2	188.8	145.5	211.7	590.6				
October	..	3,062	682	465	6,507	727.9	190.1	151.0	211.3	610.0				
November	..	3,351	692	471	6,828	729.5	191.5	163.2	221.1	644.1				
December	..	3,515	702	477	5,101	732.1	200.0	173.7	222.2	692.4				
January	..	3,010	709	477	6,221	735.8	194.6	142.1	226.8	703.0				
February	..	3,332	716	482	8,011	739.2	194.1	164.9	228.9	737.8				
March	..	3,582	731	486	8,357	741.8	196.1	187.0	231.4	775.2				
April	..	2,916	739	489	6,716	744.7	200.6	164.9	238.6	779.4				
May	..	3,703	755	497	10,043	746.1	199.3	182.6	235.6	766.0				
June	..	3,550	768	496	9,198	762.1	201.9	183.7	239.4	765.5				
1950-51—														
July	..	3,021	777	500	9,117	763.9	203.5	186.3	244.5	753.3				
August	..	3,595	790	508	10,026	762.4	204.9	160.7	244.3	739.1				
September	..	3,276	800	511	9,602	766.5	206.9	194.4	244.0	758.3				
October	..	3,604	811	515	9,800	766.6	208.4	210.0	248.7	808.4				
November	..	3,563	822	523	10,783	766.7	210.5	212.1	250.1	846.5				
December	..	3,996	831	528	7,369	769.2	222.8	228.4	247.1	886.5				
January	..	3,574	839	529	9,599	773.7	219.1	196.7	249.2	909.9				
February	..	3,710	849	535	10,095	780.2	220.4	237.6	247.3	950.9				
March	..	3,695	858	540	10,867	817.8	229.5	242.2	246.2	1,038.9				
April	..	4,099	869	545	13,079	820.6	231.1	251.5	248.1	1,048.9				
May	..	4,361	+875	+548	12,942	824.4	234.7	250.7	251.9	1,039.8				
June	..	4,284				837.4	238.6	258.5	250.1	987.6				
1951-52—														
July	..	4,346												

(a) Actual collections.

(b) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes

Government buildings (see footnote, page 28). (c) Monthly averages.

(d) Notes held by the public on bank balance days of

the period. (e) Average twelve months ended June.

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

('000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authori- ties.(b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories.	Build- ing and Con- struction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	
MALES.										
1939—July	..	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7	133.6
1943—June	..	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	45.2	520.7	91.8	195.7	71.7	89.3
1944—June	..	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	43.4	518.2	83.7	201.9	71.4	92.7
1945—June	..	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	43.6	514.5	87.9	209.2	76.4	97.1
1946—June	..	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	48.8	558.4	124.9	237.8	103.2	133.4
1947—June	..	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	51.0	593.2	155.7	256.4	116.0	151.9
1948—June	..	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	52.7	625.0	167.8	269.9	123.3	161.7
1949—May(d)	..	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	52.3	635.9	180.9	281.7	125.6	169.9
1950—June	..	553.5	1,305.2	1,858.7	53.9	659.0	197.2	292.8	127.1	178.0
December	..	560.0	1,324.2	1,884.2	54.1	663.0	202.8	292.8	134.0	184.2
1951—January	..	561.0	1,325.7	1,886.7	54.4	666.4	203.4	292.5	129.8	185.6
February	..	564.8	1,330.2	1,895.0	54.9	667.5	206.8	294.5	129.5	186.9
March	..	567.1	1,329.8	1,896.9	54.8	667.6	208.6	293.6	129.2	187.7
April	..	570.0	1,335.0	1,905.0	55.3	671.1	210.9	294.2	129.4	188.3
FEMALES.										
1939—July	..	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9	129.0
1943—June	..	135.9	504.8	640.7	0.6	228.6	2.4	34.6	98.5	52.6
1944—June	..	134.0	497.5	631.5	0.5	217.4	2.4	36.3	94.1	52.1
1945—June	..	124.8	494.6	619.4	0.4	206.3	2.2	37.0	96.4	52.6
1946—June	..	94.0	502.0	596.0	0.5	192.1	2.4	32.4	99.6	50.8
1947—June	..	92.1	527.5	619.6	0.5	199.9	2.6	32.4	104.0	53.0
1948—June	..	94.9	549.1	644.0	0.6	208.0	2.9	35.0	109.3	56.9
1949—May(d)	..	99.2	564.9	664.1	0.7	215.6	3.1	37.0	111.1	59.8
1950—June	..	107.6	580.6	688.2	0.7	223.8	3.3	38.8	113.3	64.8
December	..	110.1	601.4	711.5	0.8	228.1	3.5	40.0	124.9	67.4
1951—January	..	110.5	593.2	703.7	0.8	226.4	3.5	39.9	118.1	68.6
February	..	112.6	600.4	713.0	0.8	231.9	3.6	40.4	117.8	70.1
March	..	113.0	602.9	715.9	0.8	232.2	3.6	40.2	118.1	71.4
April	..	113.5	604.7	718.2	0.8	233.6	3.6	40.2	118.4	71.4
PERSONS.										
1939—July	..	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6	262.6
1943—June	..	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	45.8	749.3	94.2	230.3	170.2	141.9
1944—June	..	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	43.9	735.6	86.1	238.2	165.5	144.8
1945—June	..	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	44.0	720.8	90.1	246.2	172.8	149.7
1946—June	..	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	49.3	750.5	127.3	270.2	202.8	184.2
1947—June	..	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	51.5	793.1	158.3	288.8	220.0	204.9
1948—June	..	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	53.3	833.0	170.7	304.9	232.6	218.6
1949—May(d)	..	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	53.0	851.5	184.0	318.7	236.7	229.7
1950—June	..	661.1	1,885.8	2,546.9	54.6	882.8	200.5	331.6	240.4	242.8
December	..	670.1	1,925.6	2,595.7	54.9	891.1	206.3	332.8	258.9	251.6
1951—January	..	671.5	1,918.9	2,590.4	55.2	892.8	206.9	332.4	247.9	254.2
February	..	677.4	1,930.6	2,608.0	55.7	899.4	210.4	334.9	247.3	257.0
March	..	680.1	1,932.7	2,612.8	55.6	899.8	212.2	333.8	247.3	259.1
April	..	683.5	1,939.7	2,623.2	56.1	904.7	214.5	334.4	247.8	259.7

(a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-Roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1945 (Factories, July, 1948) subject to revision. (b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, post office, education, police, public works, &c., as well as administrative employees. (c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic). (d) Figures for June, 1949, were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute (27th June to 15th August).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

('000.)

Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.										
1939—July	..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1943—June	..	525.1	355.2	167.3	110.6	70.4	36.9	5.5	2.2	1,273.2
1944—June	..	524.1	352.1	169.0	110.3	71.7	37.9	7.7	2.8	1,275.6
1945—June	..	536.0	359.2	169.0	109.4	75.9	39.5	4.1	3.2	1,296.3
1946—June	..	618.5	417.9	192.4	129.6	93.9	46.9	2.8	4.5	1,506.5
1947—June	..	671.8	452.6	220.2	140.9	103.9	51.1	3.4	5.5	1,649.4
1948—June	..	702.3	473.3	232.6	149.0	109.2	54.5	4.0	6.0	1,730.9
1949—May(b)	..	721.4	489.3	239.8	155.0	112.8	57.4	4.2	7.2	1,787.1
1950—June	..	740.8	510.7	250.4	165.7	120.5	58.4	4.5	7.7	1,858.7
December	..	751.4	517.6	251.7	167.9	123.1	59.7	4.5	8.3	1,884.2
1951—January	..	752.1	519.0	251.1	168.5	123.8	59.5	4.5	8.2	1,886.7
February	..	754.4	520.8	253.4	169.0	124.9	59.9	4.4	8.2	1,895.0
March	..	752.2	521.7	255.9	169.0	125.2	60.3	4.5	8.1	1,896.9
April	..	755.9	523.5	258.1	169.3	124.8	60.7	4.6	8.1	1,905.0
FEMALES.										
1939—July	..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1943—June	..	254.4	205.4	74.1	52.9	35.5	16.7	0.2	1.5	640.7
1944—June	..	250.9	198.3	77.4	50.3	35.9	16.8	0.2	1.7	631.5
1945—June	..	247.9	193.2	75.1	49.0	35.6	16.6	0.3	1.7	619.4
1946—June	..	242.3	183.7	71.2	45.8	34.5	16.6	0.3	1.6	596.0
1947—June	..	252.1	190.5	74.5	48.0	35.6	16.9	0.4	1.6	619.6
1948—June	..	261.9	196.7	77.9	50.1	37.0	18.0	0.6	1.8	644.0
1949—May(b)	..	269.9	202.5	80.1	52.2	37.8	18.8	0.7	2.1	664.1
1950—June	..	278.5	210.0	83.1	54.3	39.9	19.4	0.9	2.1	688.2
December	..	289.8	216.3	84.7	56.4	41.2	20.0	0.8	2.3	711.5
1951—January	..	284.9	214.6	84.5	56.6	40.3	19.6	0.8	2.4	703.7
February	..	288.3	218.1	85.7	56.7	41.2	19.8	0.8	2.4	713.0
March	..	288.8	218.9	86.3	57.0	41.5	20.2	0.8	2.4	715.9
April	..	290.2	219.7	86.1	56.9	41.7	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.2
PERSONS.										
1939—July	..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1943—June	..	779.5	560.6	241.4	163.5	105.9	53.6	5.7	3.7	1,913.9
1944—June	..	775.0	550.4	246.4	160.6	107.6	54.7	7.9	4.5	1,907.1
1945—June	..	783.9	552.4	244.1	158.4	111.5	56.1	4.4	4.9	1,915.7
1946—June	..	860.8	601.6	263.6	175.4	128.4	63.5	3.1	6.1	2,102.5
1947—June	..	923.9	643.1	294.7	188.9	139.5	68.0	3.8	7.1	2,269.0
1948—June	..	964.2	670.0	310.5	199.1	146.2	72.5	4.6	7.8	2,374.9
1949—May(b)	..	991.3	691.8	319.9	207.2	150.6	76.2	4.9	9.3	2,451.2
1950—June	..	1,019.3	720.7	333.5	220.0	160.4	77.8	5.4	9.8	2,546.9
December	..	1,041.2	733.9	336.4	224.3	164.3	79.7	5.3	10.6	2,595.7
1951—January	..	1,037.0	733.6	335.6	225.1	164.1	79.1	5.3	10.6	2,590.4
February	..	1,042.7	738.9	339.1	225.7	166.1	79.7	5.2	10.6	2,608.0
March	..	1,041.0	740.6	342.2	226.0	166.7	80.5	5.3	10.5	2,612.8
April	..	1,046.1	743.2	344.2	226.2	166.5	81.0	5.4	10.6	2,623.2

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces. See also footnotes on page 4.
were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute (27th June to 15th August).

(b) Figures for June, 1949,

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic- toria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia.			Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
							Males.	Females.	Persons.		
Monthly Averages.											
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.2	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1943-44 ..	313.8	253.9	62.5	67.9	27.2	19.2	519.4	225.1	(a)744.5	1,416	1,338
1944-45 ..	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	515.5	211.7	(a)727.2	1,383	1,293
1945-46 ..	300.9	245.9	63.0	60.9	29.1	18.4	524.8	193.4	718.2	1,366	1,264
1946-47 ..	331.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.2	197.4	775.6	1,475	1,347
1947-48 ..	349.8	268.1	73.0	71.1	34.0	20.3	611.5	204.8	816.3	1,553	1,397
1948-49† ..	358.8	274.9	76.8	73.4	35.2	21.2	628.0	212.3	840.3	1,598	1,408
1949-50† ..	358.8	281.5	79.6	75.7	36.6	21.9	636.9	217.2	854.1	1,624	1,386
Monthly Totals.											
1948-49—†											
April ..	361.6	277.3	77.1	74.4	35.8	22.0	633.0	215.2	848.2	1,613	1,409
May ..	363.0	277.9	78.5	74.3	35.7	22.1	635.9	215.6	851.5	1,620	1,411
June ..	346.1	277.2	78.9	74.0	35.6	21.8	623.3	210.3	833.6	1,586	1,377
1949-50—†											
July ..	284.2	276.1	72.9	69.1	34.6	21.4	567.0	191.3	758.3	1,442	1,248
August ..	348.0	276.4	79.8	71.2	35.7	21.2	622.1	210.2	832.3	1,583	1,367
September ..	357.3	277.2	80.7	73.5	36.1	21.2	631.2	214.8	846.0	1,609	1,386
October ..	362.6	278.7	80.6	74.4	36.1	21.3	636.2	217.5	853.7	1,624	1,395
November ..	364.6	280.8	80.6	74.9	36.3	21.5	639.1	219.6	858.7	1,633	1,399
December ..	363.0	280.3	78.3	76.0	36.5	22.0	638.0	218.1	856.1	1,628	1,391
January ..	365.5	281.0	78.1	77.0	36.8	21.8	642.7	217.5	860.2	1,636	1,395
February ..	370.2	283.1	80.1	77.1	37.0	21.8	647.6	221.7	869.3	1,653	1,406
March ..	371.6	286.3	80.2	78.1	37.4	22.4	651.7	224.3	876.0	1,666	1,413
April ..	371.0	285.4	80.3	78.6	37.4	22.6	651.8	223.5	875.3	1,665	1,409
May ..	373.7	285.8	81.0	78.8	37.9	22.7	655.8	224.1	879.9	1,674	1,413
June ..	374.4	286.4	82.5	79.1	37.9	22.5	659.0	223.8	882.8	1,679	1,413
1950-51—†											
July ..	373.8	286.5	83.0	79.6	37.8	22.3	659.0	224.0	883.0	1,679	1,410
August ..	375.5	286.6	83.3	79.3	37.9	21.6	659.9	224.3	884.2	1,682	1,408
September ..	376.2	287.1	83.3	79.9	38.1	21.5	660.2	225.9	886.1	1,685	1,408
October(b) ..	378.0	283.2	82.9	80.0	38.2	21.3	655.9	227.7	883.6	1,681	1,401
November(b) ..	379.2	286.1	83.0	80.2	38.3	21.7	658.9	229.6	888.5	1,690	1,404
December ..	377.6	290.8	81.2	80.5	38.3	22.7	663.0	228.1	891.1	1,695	1,404
January ..	378.1	291.1	81.5	81.3	38.5	22.3	666.4	226.4	892.8	1,698	1,404
February ..	380.4	293.6	82.4	81.6	39.0	22.4	667.5	231.9	899.4	1,711	1,411
March ..	379.1	293.8	83.4	81.8	39.1	22.6	667.6	232.2	899.8	1,711	1,407
April ..	381.7	295.3	84.2	81.6	39.1	22.8	671.1	233.6	904.7	1,721	1,412

(a) Includes Government munitions and aircraft establishments and naval dockyards—1943-44, 116.0, and 1944-45, 89.1.
(b) Affected by industrial disputes.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

RETAIL STORES EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on Pay-Roll Tax returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
Males—Index of Employment. (Base : July, 1941 = 1,000.)								
1941—November	..	1,007	996	1,020	987	961	996	1,001
1945—August	..	734	758	762	803	788	867	758
1950—May	..	1,330	1,302	1,326	1,463	1,554	1,312	1,348
June ..	..	1,332	1,306	1,326	1,469	1,558	1,338	1,352
July	..	1,338	1,310	1,336	1,461	1,558	1,328	1,356
August	..	1,344	1,320	1,341	1,469	1,546	1,328	1,362
September	..	1,353	1,325	1,342	1,481	1,556	1,326	1,369
October	..	1,366	1,328	1,346	1,495	1,550	1,336	1,377
November	..	1,412	1,357	1,353	1,528	1,562	1,345	1,409
December	..	1,454	1,364	1,396	1,533	1,636	1,370	1,440
1951—January	..	1,374	1,351	1,402	1,513	1,613	1,372	1,400
February	..	1,376	1,349	1,385	1,515	1,609	1,372	1,399
March	..	1,376	1,358	1,376	1,518	1,630	1,379	1,402
April	..	1,377	1,374	1,384	1,519	1,610	1,386	1,407
May	..	1,391	1,386	1,382	1,530	1,608	1,392	1,417
Females—Index of Employment. (Base : July, 1941 = 1,000.)								
1941—November	..	1,060	1,055	1,069	1,075	1,070	1,058	1,062
1945—August	..	965	922	1,055	1,042	1,003	1,060	975
1950—May	..	1,211	1,110	1,354	1,247	1,297	1,323	1,212
June ..	..	1,203	1,115	1,353	1,249	1,314	1,340	1,211
July	..	1,206	1,107	1,358	1,244	1,303	1,321	1,210
August	..	1,213	1,116	1,369	1,237	1,306	1,321	1,216
September	..	1,232	1,112	1,384	1,250	1,315	1,339	1,229
October	..	1,284	1,144	1,399	1,268	1,325	1,361	1,262
November	..	1,341	1,186	1,416	1,351	1,351	1,414	1,310
December	..	1,399	1,198	1,458	1,342	1,437	1,526	1,350
1951—January	..	1,282	1,168	1,419	1,311	1,379	1,445	1,280
February	..	1,281	1,164	1,430	1,304	1,394	1,450	1,280
March	..	1,286	1,170	1,438	1,317	1,410	1,458	1,287
April	..	1,293	1,183	1,437	1,322	1,418	1,466	1,295
May	..	1,294	1,193	1,472	1,348	1,404	1,504	1,305
Persons—Index of Employment. (Base : July, 1941 = 1,000.)								
1941—November	..	1,034	1,025	1,042	1,031	1,016	1,024	1,030
1945—August	..	849	837	892	922	897	953	864
1950—May	..	1,270	1,204	1,339	1,350	1,418	1,318	1,274
June ..	..	1,267	1,209	1,338	1,355	1,429	1,339	1,275
July	..	1,272	1,207	1,346	1,348	1,423	1,325	1,276
August	..	1,278	1,216	1,354	1,349	1,419	1,325	1,282
September	..	1,292	1,222	1,363	1,361	1,428	1,333	1,293
October	..	1,324	1,235	1,370	1,377	1,431	1,348	1,313
November	..	1,376	1,270	1,382	1,436	1,450	1,379	1,353
December	..	1,426	1,280	1,424	1,434	1,531	1,447	1,388
1951—January	..	1,328	1,258	1,410	1,408	1,489	1,408	1,334
February	..	1,328	1,255	1,406	1,405	1,495	1,410	1,333
March	..	1,331	1,262	1,404	1,413	1,513	1,418	1,338
April	..	1,335	1,277	1,408	1,417	1,508	1,425	1,344
May	..	1,342	1,288	1,423	1,435	1,500	1,447	1,354

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-Roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted monthly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.		New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).								
1943-44	..	4,757	3,254	1,624	966	607	304	11,512
1944-45	..	4,721	3,194	1,553	935	626	312	11,341
1945-46	..	4,980	3,390	1,566	949	692	345	11,922
1946-47	..	5,851	3,970	1,773	1,152	830	410	13,986
1947-48	..	6,970	4,717	2,065	1,364	955	491	16,562
1948-49	..	8,105	5,536	2,497	1,646	1,127	576	19,487
1949-50	..	8,988	6,358	2,830	1,893	1,320	668	22,057
1947-48—								
June Qtr.	..	7,419	5,109	2,245	1,472	1,011	540	17,796
1948-49—								
September Qtr.	..	7,759	5,303	2,426	1,580	1,081	537	18,686
December	"	8,436	5,646	2,614	1,664	1,166	582	20,108
March	"	7,730	5,307	2,345	1,600	1,073	569	18,624
June	"	8,493	5,882	2,605	1,738	1,188	616	20,522
1949-50—								
September Qtr.	..	7,982	5,911	2,674	1,742	1,224	617	20,150
December	"	9,394	6,501	2,900	1,904	1,335	667	22,701
March	"	8,864	6,147	2,736	1,868	1,326	661	21,602
June	"	9,713	6,873	3,012	2,056	1,395	726	23,775
1950-51—								
September Qtr.	..	9,989	*7,042	*3,156	2,120	1,495	709	*24,511
December	"	*11,189	*7,649	*3,472	2,265	*1,578	775	*26,928
March	"	11,387	7,857	3,431	2,443	1,643	842	27,603
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT (£).(c)								
1943-44	..	6.87	6.83	6.60	6.26	6.28	5.84	6.70
1944-45	..	6.74	6.71	6.37	6.12	6.27	5.76	6.57
1945-46	..	6.68	6.72	6.04	5.98	6.15	5.76	6.48
1946-47	..	6.93	7.00	6.10	6.29	6.30	6.04	6.71
1947-48	..	7.85	7.93	6.67	7.10	6.98	6.81	7.55
1948-49	..	8.87	9.02	7.74	8.18	7.93	7.63	8.57
1949-50	..	9.68	10.00	8.49	9.00	8.85	8.60	9.45
1947-48—								
June Qtr.	..	8.25	8.46	7.09	7.51	7.25	7.28	7.98
1948-49—								
September Qtr.	..	8.58	8.76	7.55	7.98	7.72	7.26	8.33
December	"	9.24	9.24	8.13	8.31	8.21	7.78	8.89
March	"	8.41	8.60	7.33	7.91	7.54	7.47	8.18
June	"	9.24	9.46	7.97	8.50	8.24	8.01	8.95
1949-50—								
September Qtr.	..	9.01	9.49	8.16	8.56	8.39	8.08	8.91
December	"	10.06	10.28	8.71	9.12	9.02	8.61	9.73
March	"	9.40	9.60	8.21	8.80	8.84	8.46	9.16
June	"	10.23	10.62	8.87	9.52	9.14	9.21	9.97
1950-51—								
September Qtr.	..	10.46	*10.86	9.14	9.70	9.72	9.07	10.22
December	"	11.58	*11.76	*10.03	*10.31	*10.15	9.78	*11.16
March	"	11.75	11.86	9.89	11.05	10.44	10.44	11.33

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units (i.e., total male employment plus 45 per cent. of total female employment).

For meaning of symbol * see page 1.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for completed years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly Totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944* (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1950*), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

Period.	Unemployment.							Sickness.	Special.(d)
	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia. (c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	Australia. (e)	Australia. (e)
Monthly Averages.									
1946-47 .. .	1,815	1,697	4,610	206	1,032	78	9,438	8,083	288
1947-48 .. .	637	140	2,640	49	390	32	3,888	8,538	517
1948-49 .. .	282	32	1,094	15	121	31	1,575	7,614	591
1949-50 .. .	8,327	123	1,371	241	155	30	10,247	7,585	897
1950-51 .. .	287	71	326	6	59	14	763	7,059	863
Monthly Totals.									
1948-49— June .. .	283	51	648	30	107	32	1,151	7,501	598
1949-50— July .. .	92,086	163	6,658	2,196	358	41	101,502	7,671	1,731
August .. .	3,809	174	853	333	242	37	5,448	7,914	807
September .. .	728	125	515	40	199	37	1,644	7,936	772
October .. .	442	98	483	41	181	34	1,279	7,874	773
November .. .	406	85	510	41	170	28	1,240	8,012	848
December .. .	431	91	742	44	168	26	1,502	6,859	768
January .. .	407	101	1,143	38	92	23	1,804	7,078	807
February .. .	381	112	1,359	37	96	28	2,013	7,588	824
March .. .	315	105	1,567	30	70	24	2,111	7,713	852
April .. .	305	144	1,320	29	81	23	1,902	7,381	842
May .. .	287	125	733	27	91	26	1,289	7,506	836
June .. .	335	151	568	32	108	32	1,226	7,491	908
1950-51— July .. .	513	164	437	6	101	26	1,247	7,841	880
August .. .	250	54	200	5	75	24	608	7,730	908
September .. .	220	51	120	8	54	26	479	7,576	898
October .. .	243	67	127	7	45	17	506	7,595	892
November .. .	214	137	145	6	58	11	571	7,212	873
December .. .	450	129	268	8	63	10	928	6,370	808
January .. .	179	46	401	5	64	9	704	6,326	832
February .. .	170	30	703	6	54	11	974	6,890	859
March .. .	433	43	646	5	54	9	1,190	6,622	838
April .. .	266	48	291	4	53	8	670	6,540	800
May .. .	261	45	309	3	46	7	671	6,950	850
June .. .	246	32	263	3	50	10	604	7,044	921

(a) Last Saturday of month.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(d) Excludes new Australians.

(e) Revised. Figures in these columns are as furnished by the Department of Social Services. From May, 1951, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—*continued.*

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.			Amount Paid in Benefits—				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unemployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						New Australians.	Ordinary.	
Monthly Averages.								
1946-47	6,115	433	6,548	75,902	59,280	—	2,328	137,510
1947-48	2,273	116	2,389	30,802	65,944	1,319	3,391	101,456
1948-49	955	56	1,011	11,570	66,319	7,088	4,225	89,202
1949-50	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	19,088		86,435
Monthly Totals.								
1948-49—								
June	500	61	561	8,133	61,462	16,869	7,335	93,799
1949-50—								
July	112,746	28,415	141,161	583,025	56,789	25,001	6,072	670,887
August	10,206	1,595	11,801	603,293	77,999	30,577	14,978	726,847
September	651	92	743	99,907	72,743	47,716	Cr. 549	219,817
October	525	105	630	Cr. 57,012	69,238	25,615	5,408	43,249
November	420	64	484	Cr. 24,269	62,859	28,436	10,631	77,657
December	611	75	686	3,608	66,632	19,272	6,003	95,515
January	1,556	67	1,623	13,398	68,678	35,825	4,160	122,061
February	1,006	67	1,073	8,168	60,747	28,169	4,645	101,729
March	877	81	958	7,289	79,810	35,841		122,940
April	776	103	879	12,597	56,918	29,437		98,952
May	467	93	560	8,608	66,330	34,517		109,455
June	407	96	503	7,461	77,271	32,584		117,316
1950-51—								
July	1,457	260	1,717	4,410	54,539	25,598		84,547
August	686	89	775	5,944	76,937	30,086		112,967
September	550	111	661	4,713	68,048	21,063		93,824
October	419	60	479	2,921	64,989	20,523		88,433
November	911	85	996	6,313	71,551	21,056		98,920
December	1,070	119	1,189	3,458	57,693	22,222		83,373
January	732	94	826	6,879	56,967	22,755		86,601
February	1,238	104	1,342	5,668	57,374	20,669		83,711
March	1,280	104	1,384	8,417	65,428	8,995		82,840
April	1,063	89	1,152	7,689	61,701	9,488		78,878
May	475	101	576	5,927	58,965	13,093		77,985
June	695	112	807	105	51,524	13,505		65,134

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TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only regular records of unemployment available in comparable form over a considerable period are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of trade unions.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1936-37 ..	12.8	10.1	7.4	9.4	6.0	8.4	10.6
1937-38 ..	10.0	8.2	6.9	7.3	5.4	6.8	8.5
1938-39 ..	10.3	10.0	6.0	9.4	6.5	8.9	9.3
1943-44 ..	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.0	1.2
1944-45 ..	1.6	0.8	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.2
1945-46 ..	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3
1946-47 ..	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.3	1.4
1947-48 ..	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.0
1948-49 ..	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8
1949-50 (a) ..	3.3	0.7	0.9	2.2	1.1	0.7	2.0
1947-48— May ..	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.9
1948-49— August ..	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.9
November..	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.8
February ..	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.8
May ..	0.9	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.8
1949-50— August (a) ..	10.2	0.9	2.7	6.5	1.3	0.7	5.5
November..	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
February ..	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.8
May ..	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.7	1.5	0.8	0.8
1950-51— August ..	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.8
November..	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.7
February ..	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
May ..	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.5	0.8

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY, 1951, TO MAY, 1951.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 0.2% to 0.4%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 0.2% to 0.3%; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., 1.4% to 1.5%; IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 0.6% to 0.7%; V. Books, printing, &c., 0.1% to 0.2%; VI. Other Manufacturing, nil (1.8%); VII. Building, 0.9% to 1.0%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., 3.2% to 2.9%; X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, nil (0.7%); IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 0.3% to 0.8%; All groups, 0.7% to 0.8%.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—								Fuels and Lubricants.	Auxiliary Aids to Production.	Munitions and War Stores.			
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.		Total.							
	Class Ia.	Class Ib.	Class Ic.		Class I.	Class II.	Class III.	Class VII.						
Annual Totals.														
1936-37 ..	4,164	4.0	1,708	1.7	41,223	39.9	47,095	45.6	7,452	7.2	4,893	4.7	386	0.4
1937-38 ..	5,661	4.4	1,855	1.5	51,419	40.2	58,935	46.1	9,411	7.4	5,644	4.4	440	0.4
1938-39 ..	4,622	4.1	2,053	1.8	43,181	38.2	49,856	44.1	8,828	7.8	5,630	4.9	1,059	0.9
1943-44 ..	2,315	1.0	1,722	0.7	69,998	29.2	74,035	30.9	22,915	9.5	8,519	3.5	60,396	25.4
1944-45 ..	2,460	1.2	2,172	1.0	73,660	34.7	78,292	36.9	19,747	9.3	9,746	4.6	49,026	23.1
1945-46 ..	3,103	1.8	4,180	2.4	65,253	36.8	72,536	41.0	19,964	11.3	7,555	4.3	30,465	17.2
1946-47 ..	4,867	2.3	3,795	1.8	91,138	43.8	99,800	47.9	18,300	8.8	13,557	6.5	5,128	2.5
1947-48 ..	8,729	2.6	3,469	1.0	148,343	43.9	160,541	47.5	28,536	8.4	24,703	7.3	1,551	0.5
1948-49 ..	14,326	3.5	3,821	0.9	162,541	39.2	180,688	43.6	36,436	8.8	26,528	6.4	3,077	0.7
1949-50 ..	24,315	4.5	5,175	1.0	173,262	32.3	202,752	37.8	46,219	8.6	28,685	5.4	1,536	0.3
Monthly Totals.														
1948-49—														
May ..	1,455	3.8	273	0.7	14,947	38.8	16,675	43.3	3,232	8.4	1,920	5.0	179	0.4
June ..	1,424	3.9	308	0.8	13,088	35.9	14,820	40.6	2,675	7.3	1,905	5.2	321	0.9
1949-50—														
July ..	1,188	3.4	382	1.1	13,475	38.4	15,045	42.9	2,691	7.7	2,083	5.8	58	0.2
August ..	1,278	3.5	481	1.3	13,030	35.2	14,789	40.0	4,005	10.8	2,405	6.5	85	0.2
September ..	1,823	4.4	519	1.3	14,528	35.4	16,870	41.1	2,770	6.7	2,316	5.6	74	0.2
October ..	1,817	4.3	606	1.4	14,101	33.3	16,524	39.0	3,248	7.6	3,343	7.9	121	0.3
November ..	1,658	4.2	483	1.2	12,099	30.1	14,240	35.5	3,918	9.8	2,156	5.4	114	0.3
December ..	2,342	5.3	292	0.6	13,871	31.1	16,505	37.0	3,746	8.4	2,592	5.8	160	0.4
January ..	2,113	4.8	273	0.6	13,275	29.8	15,661	35.2	4,464	10.0	2,069	4.7	270	0.6
February ..	2,251	5.1	497	1.1	12,960	29.5	15,708	35.7	4,638	10.5	2,927	6.7	202	0.5
March ..	2,900	5.4	400	0.7	17,089	31.9	20,389	38.0	3,710	6.9	2,456	4.6	222	0.4
April ..	1,931	4.4	442	1.0	13,344	30.4	15,717	35.8	3,714	8.5	1,876	4.3	82	0.2
May ..	2,727	4.4	413	0.7	19,313	31.3	22,453	36.4	4,872	7.9	2,715	4.4	115	0.2
June ..	2,287	4.7	387	0.8	16,177	33.6	18,851	39.1	4,443	9.2	1,747	3.6	33	0.1
1950-51+—														
July ..	2,465	4.9	347	0.7	17,787	35.1	20,599	40.7	3,841	7.6	1,918	3.8	42	0.1
August ..	3,739	5.8	675	1.1	22,462	35.1	26,876	42.0	4,941	7.7	2,214	3.5	87	0.1
September ..	2,666	4.7	655	1.2	20,171	35.4	23,492	41.3	5,254	9.2	2,496	4.4	38	0.1
October ..	2,762	5.0	490	0.9	19,394	35.6	22,646	41.5	4,907	9.0	3,041	5.6	62	0.1
November ..	2,807	4.8	601	1.0	22,080	37.8	25,488	43.6	4,778	8.2	2,789	4.8	40	0.1
December ..	3,039	6.1	430	0.9	18,898	38.2	22,367	45.2	3,540	7.1	2,926	5.9	26	0.1
January ..	3,918	6.3	240	0.4	21,730	34.9	25,888	41.6	5,366	8.6	3,441	5.5	187	0.3
February ..	3,967	5.9	352	0.5	23,522	34.9	27,841	41.3	6,192	9.2	3,124	4.6	74	0.1
March ..	3,546	6.1	164	0.3	22,662	38.8	26,372	45.2	3,797	6.5	2,371	4.1	36	0.1
April ..	4,113	6.1	363	0.5	27,296	40.1	31,772	46.7	5,935	8.7	3,325	4.9	170	0.3
May ..	3,581	4.7	280	0.4	33,452	44.0	37,313	49.1	5,919	7.7	3,584	4.7	102	0.1

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IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumers' Goods.						
	Transport Equipment.						Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other.		Total.
	Producers' Equipment.		Road Vehicles and Complete Parts.	Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.									
	Class IV.		Class V. B.	Class V. A, C, D.			Class VI. A, B, C.	Class VI. D.	Class VI. E-J.			Class VI.	
Annual Totals.													
1936-37 ..	10,603	10.3	10,469	10.2	1,751	1.7	6,187	6.0	554	0.5	13,885	13.4	20,626 19.9
1937-38 ..	13,783	10.9	13,928	11.0	2,458	1.9	6,371	5.0	811	0.6	15,595	12.3	22,777 17.9
1938-39 ..	13,248	11.7	10,792	9.5	1,427	1.3	6,765	6.0	1,013	0.9	14,599	12.9	22,377 19.8
1943-44 ..	18,574	7.7	35,625	14.9	2,206	0.9	5,692	2.4	958	0.4	10,513	4.4	17,163 7.2
1944-45 ..	15,161	7.2	20,009	9.4	865	0.4	7,298	3.4	1,382	0.7	10,565	5.0	19,245 9.1
1945-46 ..	14,148	8.0	11,644	6.5	1,264	0.7	7,628	4.3	607	0.3	11,285	6.4	19,520 11.0
1946-47 ..	17,220	8.3	18,534	8.9	2,776	1.3	10,411	5.0	1,290	0.6	21,326	10.2	33,027 15.8
1947-48 ..	28,713	8.5	29,246	8.6	2,067	0.6	19,404	5.7	3,361	1.0	39,963	11.9	62,728 18.6
1948-49 ..	40,914	9.9	50,776	12.2	4,267	1.0	19,424	4.7	7,373	1.8	44,573	10.9	71,370 17.4
1949-50 ..	63,566	11.9	103,715	19.3	5,966	1.1	25,958	4.8	6,934	1.3	50,793	9.5	83,685 15.6
Monthly Totals.													
1948-49—													
May ..	4,658	12.1	5,343	13.7	208	0.5	2,015	5.2	697	1.8	3,710	9.6	6,422 16.6
June ..	4,428	12.1	5,504	15.1	345	1.0	2,009	5.5	563	1.5	3,927	10.8	6,499 17.8
1949-50—													
July ..	4,525	12.9	4,814	13.7	240	0.7	1,851	5.3	494	1.4	3,296	9.4	5,641 16.1
August ..	4,072	11.0	6,123	16.6	228	0.6	1,621	4.4	480	1.3	3,177	8.6	5,278 14.3
September ..	4,995	12.2	6,892	16.8	273	0.7	1,744	4.2	761	1.9	4,348	10.6	6,853 16.7
October ..	4,661	11.0	7,136	16.8	416	1.0	1,729	4.1	675	1.6	4,541	10.7	6,945 16.4
November ..	4,684	11.7	7,780	19.4	622	1.5	1,732	4.3	631	1.5	4,240	10.6	6,603 16.4
December ..	5,116	11.5	9,426	21.2	218	0.5	1,813	4.1	587	1.3	4,397	9.8	6,797 15.2
January ..	5,565	12.5	8,912	20.0	470	1.1	2,440	5.5	612	1.4	4,000	9.0	7,052 15.9
February ..	4,777	10.9	8,664	19.7	589	1.3	2,359	5.3	618	1.4	3,489	8.0	6,466 14.7
March ..	6,871	12.8	11,046	20.5	809	1.5	2,455	4.6	666	1.2	5,079	9.5	8,200 15.3
April ..	5,334	12.1	10,499	23.9	363	0.8	1,904	4.3	488	1.1	3,950	9.0	6,342 14.4
May ..	7,694	12.5	13,647	22.1	783	1.3	3,021	4.9	509	0.8	5,845	9.5	9,375 15.2
June ..	5,272	10.9	8,776	18.2	955	2.0	3,289	6.8	413	0.9	4,431	9.2	8,133 16.9
1950-51†—													
July ..	5,900	11.6	9,087	18.0	684	1.3	3,238	6.4	499	1.0	4,799	9.5	8,536 16.9
August ..	7,702	12.0	11,107	17.4	730	1.1	2,804	4.4	690	1.1	6,852	10.7	10,346 16.2
September ..	5,992	10.5	10,034	17.6	1,363	2.4	2,007	3.5	722	1.3	5,504	9.7	8,233 14.5
October ..	6,000	11.0	8,440	15.5	673	1.2	2,432	4.4	586	1.1	5,763	10.6	8,781 16.1
November ..	6,466	11.1	8,328	14.3	1,269	2.2	2,642	4.5	747	1.3	5,797	9.9	9,186 15.7
December ..	5,226	10.5	6,965	14.1	1,256	2.5	2,287	4.6	524	1.1	4,424	8.9	7,235 14.6
January ..	6,475	10.4	10,106	16.3	896	1.4	3,149	5.1	890	1.4	5,808	9.4	9,847 15.9
February ..	8,822	13.1	10,692	15.9	1,043	1.6	2,893	4.3	846	1.3	5,854	8.6	9,593 14.2
March ..	6,038	10.3	8,768	15.0	2,037	3.5	2,617	4.5	1,020	1.7	5,316	9.1	8,953 15.3
April ..	6,748	9.9	8,864	13.0	1,243	1.8	2,722	4.0	830	1.2	6,471	9.5	10,023 14.7
May ..	7,682	10.1	9,470	12.5	679	0.9	3,962	5.2	741	1.0	6,596	8.7	11,299 14.9

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IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.)			Finished Consumers' Goods. (Class VI.)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)				
	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.	
Annual Totals.											
1936-37..	..	12,287	4,471	30,337	544	3,637	16,446	12,831	18,063	72,381	103,275
1937-38..	..	14,890	5,384	38,661	571	3,605	18,601	15,461	21,549	90,366	127,376
1938-39..	..	13,202	4,210	32,443	657	3,714	18,006	13,859	19,525	79,833	113,217
1943-44..	..	16,245	7,806	49,984	841	3,819	12,502	17,086	39,069	183,278	239,433
1944-45..	..	15,838	7,582	54,872	1,271	4,560	13,414	17,109	35,165	159,817	212,091
1945-46..	..	21,719	7,575	43,241	905	5,812	12,803	22,624	36,568	117,904	177,096
1946-47..	..	29,068	9,543	61,189	1,309	7,613	24,105	30,377	39,852	138,113	208,342
1947-48..	..	34,839	21,638	104,064	1,286	13,322	48,120	36,125	70,463	231,497	338,085
1948-49..	..	39,273	24,710	116,705	1,595	10,789	58,986	40,868	80,851	292,337	414,056
1949-50..	..	46,998	21,325	134,429	2,155	15,330	66,200	49,153	94,213	392,758	536,124
Monthly Totals.											
1948-49—											
May	4,029	1,718	10,928	167	1,237	5,018	4,196	7,037	27,404	38,637
June	2,586	1,731	10,503	150	1,268	5,081	2,736	6,481	27,280	36,497
1949-50—											
July	2,924	2,796	9,325	126	1,120	4,395	3,050	7,313	24,734	35,097
August	3,251	1,837	9,701	74	1,144	4,060	3,325	7,747	25,913	36,985
September	2,369	1,869	12,632	137	929	5,787	2,506	6,442	32,095	41,043
October	3,484	1,278	11,762	165	1,003	5,777	3,649	6,462	32,283	42,394
November	3,396	1,435	9,409	186	1,010	5,407	3,582	7,223	29,312	40,117
December	3,206	1,458	11,841	167	1,035	5,595	3,373	7,176	34,011	44,560
January	3,716	1,540	10,405	120	1,563	5,369	3,836	8,536	32,091	44,463
February	3,773	1,579	10,356	194	1,373	4,899	3,967	8,538	31,466	43,971
March	4,853	2,053	13,483	215	1,157	6,828	5,068	8,059	40,576	53,703
April	4,724	1,307	9,686	227	988	5,127	4,951	6,962	32,014	43,927
May	5,686	2,342	14,425	234	1,812	7,329	5,920	10,395	45,339	61,654
June	5,616	1,831	11,404	310	2,196	5,627	5,926	9,360	32,924	48,210
1950-51†—											
July	4,064	2,939	13,596	237	2,299	6,000	4,301	10,119	36,187	50,607
August	6,067	2,811	17,998	218	1,587	8,541	6,285	10,666	47,052	64,003
September	6,250	2,506	14,736	175	1,173	6,885	6,425	10,108	40,369	56,902
October	5,553	2,926	14,167	447	1,201	7,133	6,000	10,057	38,493	54,550
November	7,337	2,545	15,606	208	1,717	7,261	7,545	10,117	40,682	58,344
December	5,763	2,274	14,330	194	1,205	5,836	5,957	7,943	35,641	49,541
January	5,600	2,633	17,655	128	2,045	7,674	5,728	11,244	45,234	62,206
February	6,925	3,363	17,553	377	1,543	7,673	7,302	12,376	47,703	67,381
March	8,144	2,942	15,286	352	1,253	7,348	8,496	9,002	40,874	58,372
April	10,053	3,733	17,986	311	1,407	8,305	10,364	12,228	45,488	68,080
May	10,159	5,186	21,968	343	2,068	8,888	10,502	14,446	51,100	76,048

NOTE.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

For meaning of symbol †, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar.	Meats.	Hides and Skins.	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Exports (Exclud- ing Gold).
Annual Totals.										
1936-37 ..	62,505	24,352	8,802	3,707	10,332	7,302	4,818	2,060	1,980	148,490
1937-38 ..	46,984	26,939	10,781	4,027	12,254	6,197	4,913	2,684	2,055	141,668
1938-39 ..	42,737	13,275	12,892	4,178	11,780	4,104	4,276	2,865	2,023	122,543
1944-45 ..	49,387	16,484	8,250	1,854	14,108	6,602	5,558	3,571	318	155,123
1945-46 ..	69,260	17,560	12,272	3,212	14,011	11,836	4,222	2,149	1,265	196,849
1946-47 ..	126,800	29,013	12,570	2,819	21,136	15,473	10,904	2,462	1,553	308,932
1947-48 ..	148,747	84,636	20,629	3,162	22,586	12,361	13,772	2,559	3,887	405,982
1948-49 ..	231,396	98,426	23,807	13,290	a 28,659	12,207	22,272	3,453	3,116	542,609
1949-50 ..	313,147	88,506	24,670	14,221	34,246	15,153	16,992	2,888	3,934	613,572
1950-51 ..	635,513	107,321	17,442	14,841	30,468	27,338	20,556	4,690	5,738	983,812
Monthly Totals.										
1948-49—										
June ..	18,518	8,183	1,371	322	2,898	872	1,542	287	569	43,736
1949-50—										
July ..	17,603	6,202	536	403	2,564	896	1,666	268	297	37,138
August ..	12,096	7,990	633	1,709	3,101	1,279	838	616	236	35,642
September ..	9,494	8,267	1,215	2,751	4,216	1,206	694	315	104	36,171
October ..	22,304	7,477	938	1,404	2,923	1,108	800	103	85	45,053
November ..	28,774	5,450	1,783	1,854	3,325	1,306	1,759	104	96	52,260
December ..	29,093	4,965	1,574	1,892	2,714	1,234	1,773	98	86	51,679
January ..	33,675	3,588	2,922	588	2,141	1,131	697	49	25	52,241
February ..	28,590	8,632	7,988	923	3,546	1,294	1,219	63	85	61,110
March ..	38,899	8,727	1,826	700	2,175	1,619	2,488	48	160	66,781
April ..	27,804	7,314	1,705	702	2,009	1,117	1,385	241	793	50,120
May ..	42,448	13,417	2,160	911	2,559	1,661	2,287	548	1,126	77,782
June ..	22,367	6,477	1,390	384	2,973	1,302	1,386	435	841	47,595
1950-51†—										
July ..	27,301	6,098	346	406	2,721	1,261	1,144	933	239	49,144
August ..	13,056	7,727	508	2,120	1,772	2,125	1,021	335	288	* 38,447
September ..	16,427	10,790	772	2,101	2,858	2,030	*2,105	386	114	46,478
October ..	53,874	10,791	1,461	1,620	*2,688	2,367	2,014	389	258	* 86,664
November ..	66,352	9,420	1,823	1,730	2,088	1,935	2,123	178	124	* 95,962
December ..	51,082	*5,828	3,139	1,700	1,741	1,716	331	117	59	* 72,129
January ..	70,677	9,883	2,255	1,315	2,063	1,855	1,346	63	87	* 99,421
February ..	..	* 54,322	8,138	3,765	1,958	*2,993	2,885	*705	45	106
March ..	..	* 69,735	*8,371	*1,299	887	2,137	*2,232	563	46	335
April ..	..	101,866	8,641	1,012	368	2,679	3,414	2,926	505	1,171
May ..	..	65,627	10,557	642	375	3,563	3,202	1,994	726	1,671
June ..	..	45,194	11,077	420	261	3,165	2,316	4,282	967	1,286

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 exports £1,103,000).

For meaning of symbols *, †, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute at present about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945) the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	In- clud- ing Gold.
(e)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00
(f)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	114
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	107	93	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1944-45 ..	117	154	147	129	122	172	128	151	147	120	130	130
1945-46 ..	117	213	147	196	123	213	137	161	152	122	148	146
1946-47 ..	173	305	173	308	139	264	152	361	334	122	209	203
1947-48 ..	287	420	193	372	146	320	157	436	364	122	296	283
1948-49 ..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348	332
1949-50 ..	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	383
1950-51 ..	+999	+432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	+690	+654
1948-49— June ..	339	365	233	449	176	345	172	511	462	122	326	311
1949-50— July ..	(g) 339	362	250	330	186	345	172	511	443	122	319	305
August ..	(g) 347	367	250	370	186	345	172	511	446	122	327	313
September ..	339	377	250	388	186	345	172	511	451	144	326	314
October ..	392	378	250	454	200	345	172	363	466	176	357	345
November ..	419	382	250	441	200	345	172	363	482	176	370	357
December ..	456	394	250	427	200	345	172	363	499	176	390	375
January ..	562	395	250	432	200	394	172	363	500	176	444	425
February ..	536	409	250	435	200	394	172	363	499	176	434	416
March ..	524	420	250	411	200	394	185	363	498	176	429	411
April ..	(g) 554	443	250	417	200	394	185	363	490	176	448	429
May ..	611	441	250	456	200	394	185	363	490	176	478	457
June ..	592	435	250	494	200	394	185	363	486	176	471	450
1950-51— July ..	(g) 592	424	271	496	205	394	187	363	490	176	472	451
August ..	864	423	271	547	205	394	187	363	578	176	609	579
September ..	890	419	271	675	205	394	187	363	632	176	631	599
October ..	890	427	271	681	208	394	187	354	663	176	634	602
November ..	965	436	271	704	208	394	187	354	693	176	674	639
December ..	973	437	271	700	208	394	187	354	719	176	678	643
January ..	1,252	430	271	713	208	426	187	354	838	176	816	771
February ..	1,339	423	271	714	208	426	187	354	1,041	176	859	811
March ..	1,437	428	271	739	208	426	303	354	1,010	176	912	860
April ..	+1,094	443	271	774	208	426	303	354	829	176	+747	+708
May ..	+973	*445	271	771	219	426	303	354	811	176	+689	+653
June ..	+717	+452	271	751	219	426	303	354	726	176	+563	+536

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanas, lexiyas, currants. (d) Cattle hides
calf skins. (e) Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (including Gold)" — applicable from 1936-37.
(f) Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (excluding Gold)" — applicable from 1936-37. (g) Nominal.

For meaning of symbols *, † see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX : CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index-numbers in the preceding table, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted Average Price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

Month.		<i>Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.</i>	<i>Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.</i>
	1947-48—		
June	.. ..	153	145
	1948-49—		
July	.. ..	151	151
August	.. ..	130	142
September	.. ..	126	137
October	.. ..	123	133
November	.. ..	126	131
December	.. ..	133	132
January	.. ..	119	129
February	.. ..	113	126
March	.. ..	117	125
April	.. ..	98	122
May	.. ..	96	119
June	.. ..	91	116
	1949-50—		
July	.. ..	91	91
August	.. ..	92	92
September	.. ..	94	92
October	.. ..	110	97
November	.. ..	108	100
December	.. ..	110	102
January	.. ..	130	106
February	.. ..	119	108
March	.. ..	119	110
April	.. ..	145	112
May	.. ..	159	118
June	.. ..	149	120
	1950-51—		
July	.. ..	156	156
August	.. ..	182	168
September	.. ..	174	170
October	.. ..	184	175
November	.. ..	196	181
December	.. ..	182	181
January	.. ..	196	184
February	.. ..	192	185
March	.. ..	226	191
April†	.. ..	180	190
May†	.. ..	145	184
June†	.. ..	119	179

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

The price quotations used in this index have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive. The base has been changed from four figures (1,000) to three figures (100) for greater ease in assimilation. The Total All Groups index is published on the four figure (1,000) base on page 25.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.						Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	101
1943-44 ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	129	182	122
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	131	182	123
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198
1949-50—										
September ..	209	173	333	162	123	208	197	185	204	185
October ..	209	173	367	180	125	208	201	188	209	188
November ..	209	189	386	180	134	208	207	192	217	191
December ..	214	189	424	194	142	208	213	197	221	198
January ..	218	189	494	199	145	241	225	193	232	197
February ..	218	190	490	199	146	241	225	199	237	200
March ..	218	190	480	200	151	243	225	199	236	201
April ..	219	190	498	200	154	244	227	218	236	216
May ..	219	190	535	200	169	244	229	214	235	215
June ..	219	190	525	201	183	245	230	217	238	217
1950-51—										
July ..	222	190	530	230	177	245	234	214	236	218
			(b)				(b)			(b)
August (b)	224	190	(c) 558	232	191	245	(c) 237	220	240	(c) 222
September (b)	227	190	(c) 543	236	220	245	(c) 239	220	242	(c) 222
October (b)	238	190	(c) 544	236	275	246	(c) 245	221	247	(c) 225
November (b)	246	190	(c) 588	236	305	254	(c) 253	225	250	(c) 232
December (b)	256	190	(c) 596	239	338	255	(c) 258	220	255	(c) 230
January (b)	258	190	(c) 772	240	338	262	(c) 271	220	256	(c) 238
February (b)	266	195	(c) 836	251	347	279	(c) 283	223	264	(c) 248
March (b)	280	202	(c) 907	252	362	280	(c) 294	245	269	(c) 267
April (b)	280	208	(c) 703	252	329	*296	(c) 286	240	268	(c) 258
May (b)	289	208	(c) 634	252	322	296	(c) 285	251	268	(c) 266

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) See note at foot of following page. (c) This computation includes the price of raw wool for local manufacture. In previous issues, this table included index-numbers calculated on auction-room prices for wool. Indexes calculated on this latter basis from August, 1950, to April, 1951, are shown in footnote (b) on the following page.

For meaning of symbol * see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Aus-tralia.	Canada.	France.	India.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Sweden.	United Kingdom.		U.S.A.
	Common-wealth Statistician.	Dominion Statistician. (a)	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.	Economic Adviser to the Gov-ernment of India.	Government Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Board of Trade.	Board of Trade.	Econo-mist.	Bureau of Labour Statistics.
1936-37 ..	98	101	83	104	96	97	98	100	105	104
1937-38 ..	101	104	105	100	102	103	103	104	102	101
1938-39 ..	101	95	112	96	102	100	99	96	93	95
1943-44 ..	140	127	272	232	152	153	177	160	152	127
1944-45 ..	141	128	322	240	154	155	177	164	157	129
1945-46 ..	141	132	534	244	157	159	171	167	161	133
1946-47 ..	143	145	889	278	156	164	174	178	181	171
1947-48 ..	159	176	1,451	(b)328	173	174	187	203	205	197
1948-49 ..	181	195	2,032	379	180	186	196	218	218	199
1949-50 ..	205	196	2,196	389	184	195	198	237	235	188
1949-50—				(c)						
May ..	221	201	104	393	195	201	200	249	250	192
June ..	223	205	103	396	199	205	202	251	251	193
1950-51—										
July ..	223	208	106	405	200	206	203	254	254	200
(d)										
August ..	(e) 227	212	107	409	200	206	204	258	258	204
September ..	(e) 228	218	112	413	201	208	206	266	268	208
October ..	(e) 232	216	113	411	202	208	208	273	274	208
November ..	(e) 237	218	117	411	203	211	221	282	279	211
December ..	(e) 237	221	120	413	204	214	229	286	282	215
January ..	(e) 243	228	123	414		216	241	293	290	221
February ..	(e) 253	234	130	423		218	248	299	295	226
March ..	(e) 268		134	439		221		306	298	226
April ..	(e) 261		141	458		224		312	300	225
May ..	(e) 266					230		312	302	

(a) New series. Recomputed to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.

1947 : thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base year ended August, 1939 = 100.

(d) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. See note (c) on page 18.

(b) "Sensitive Series" prior to July,

(c) New Series. Base 1949 = 100.

(e) See note (b) immediately below.

Note (b)—

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Legislation which became effective on 14th December, 1950, had the effect of reducing (by bounty) the price paid for raw wool for local manufacture in Australia below the open market (auction room) price. Such reductions were virtually retrospective to August, 1950. The effective prices paid for raw wool for local manufacture (i.e., auction room price less bounty) have, as from this issue, been used in calculating the index published on page 18 hereof. Below are shown these same indexes calculated on the auction-room prices for wool. Only the four columns marked (b) on page 18 are affected, and only these are shown below.

Period.	Textiles.	Total Basic Materials.	Goods Principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1950-51—				
August	737	247	229
September	752	250	230
October	753	257	233
November	797	265	240
December	805	270	238
January	996	283	246
February	1,060	296	257
March	*1,131	307	276
April	927	299	267
May	848	297	274

For meaning of symbols *, — see page 1.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the three sets of index-numbers on this and the following page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the tables.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)						
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscellaneous).	34 Active shares included in foregoing. (b)
1936-37	989	1,059	1,010	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026
1937-38	1,012	1,008	1,026	1,053	983	1,009	1,011
1938-39	999	933	964	841	965	969	963
1944-45	1,154	1,078	917	999	976	1,061	1,095
1945-46	1,262	1,190	1,022	1,062	1,071	1,161	1,199
1946-47	1,463	1,479	1,104	1,131	1,296	1,325	1,355
1947-48	1,666	1,663	1,044	1,229	1,505	1,450	1,450
1948-49	1,682	1,601	948	1,240	1,635	1,426	1,413
1949-50	1,763	1,603	887	1,357	1,920	1,491	1,458
1950-51	2,242	1,932	928	1,926	2,492	1,845	1,763
1948-49— June	1,569	1,460	864	1,181	1,724	1,339	1,304
1949-50— July	1,553	1,444	866	1,194	1,701	1,324	1,292
August	1,594	1,524	879	1,256	1,734	1,368	1,349
September	1,632	1,539	890	1,264	1,766	1,392	1,370
October	1,683	1,541	885	1,286	1,799	1,421	1,410
November	1,720	1,567	894	1,312	1,839	1,449	1,430
December	1,755	1,572	892	1,328	1,855	1,468	1,448
January	1,791	1,632	896	1,346	1,909	1,502	1,486
February	1,815	1,654	901	1,378	1,988	1,532	1,495
March	1,869	1,677	897	1,394	2,034	1,576	1,511
April	1,909	1,690	890	1,450	2,122	1,616	1,557
May	1,915	1,698	877	1,507	2,143	1,620	1,572
June	1,916	1,696	876	1,564	2,151	1,621	1,574
1950-51— July	1,872	1,708	868	1,513	2,159	1,597	1,545
August	1,929	1,723	894	1,616	2,222	1,640	1,605
September	2,011	1,758	887	1,749	2,244	1,692	1,642
October	2,059	1,801	883	1,718	2,279	1,724	1,669
November	2,247	1,905	927	1,922	2,510	1,849	1,776
December	2,247	1,899	929	1,921	2,549	1,849	1,769
January	2,331	1,995	938	2,120	2,538	1,916	1,847
February	2,333	2,025	946	2,132	2,598	1,929	1,833
March	2,363	2,050	952	2,100	2,605	1,935	1,817
April	2,443	2,092	970	2,130	2,639	1,967	1,863
May	2,532	2,116	1,000	2,117	2,738	2,020	1,907
June	2,543	2,116	944	2,075	2,824	2,025	1,889

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values. (b) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES—continued.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period	Melbourne Stock Exchange.(a)			Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b)		
	15 Preference Shares.	9 Bank Shares.	3 Silver-lead Shares.	12 Industrials.	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1936-37	997	1,091	1,171	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38	1,000	1,000	1,019	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39	1,003	909	810	980	989	984
1944-45	1,114	867	817	1,198	987	1,101
1945-46	1,127	933	897	1,317	1,075	1,206
1946-47	1,159	1,142	1,077	1,472	1,249	1,370
1947-48	1,197	1,154	1,381	1,625	1,386	1,515
1948-49	1,170	1,170	1,417	1,681	1,364	1,536
1949-50	1,132	1,259	1,374	1,746	1,370	1,573
1948-49— June..	1,104	1,163	1,032	1,602	1,283	1,456
1949-50— July..	1,081	1,173	1,151	1,593	1,277	1,448
August	1,124	1,170	1,235	1,629	1,301	1,479
September	1,129	1,175	1,408	1,665	1,305	1,500
October	1,125	1,193	1,486	1,691	1,321	1,521
November	1,170	1,178	1,432	1,709	1,347	1,543
December	1,139	1,233	1,411	1,705	1,357	1,545
January	1,139	1,301	1,489	1,755	1,394	1,590
February	1,136	1,337	1,455	1,793	1,415	1,619
March	1,140	1,356	1,361	1,803	1,410	1,622
April	1,137	1,337	1,358	1,835	1,431	1,649
May..	1,136	1,322	1,365	1,879	1,441	1,678
June..	1,129	1,333	1,340	1,892	1,439	1,683
1950-51— July..	1,122	1,319	1,359	1,887	1,457	1,690
August	1,127	1,309	1,468	1,909	1,500	1,721
September	1,126	1,358	1,516	1,965	1,551	1,775
October	1,118	1,381	1,461	1,990	1,571	1,798
November	1,120	1,402	1,494	2,059	1,597	1,847
December	1,121	1,411	1,487	2,080	1,622	1,870
January	1,121	1,427	1,692	2,126	1,685	1,923
February	1,118	1,442	1,734	2,209	1,734	1,991
March	1,111	1,454	1,741	2,247	1,683	1,989
April	1,094	1,431	1,829	2,231	1,673	1,975
May	1,099	1,421	1,877			

(a) Compiled by the Stock Exchange of Melbourne. The index-numbers of bank shares and silver-lead shares represent averages (weighted by paid-up capital, with adjustment in the case of bank shares) of the mean monthly prices on the Melbourne Stock Exchange. The preference share index-numbers are based on the reciprocals of average yields. Recomputed from original base, May, 1926.

(b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928.

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Indexes : Six Capital Cities.					Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States.	
	Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Food, &c., and Rent ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Mis-cellaneous.	Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Mis-cellaneous ("C" Series).	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.
1936-37 ..	963	968	965	976	996	973	949
1937-38 ..	989	1,001	993	1,006	1,003	998	1,007
1938-39 ..	1,048	1,031	1,042	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044
1944-45 ..	1,179	1,053	1,129	1,746	1,211	1,270	1,333
1945-46 ..	1,187	1,054	1,134	1,777	1,212	1,278	1,343
1946-47 ..	1,208	1,054	1,147	1,873	1,225	1,309	1,423
1947-48 ..	1,333	1,056	1,222	2,013	1,279	1,393	1,565
1948-49 ..	1,531	1,058	1,340	2,264	1,349	1,528	1,757
1949-50 ..	1,664	1,063	1,421	2,626	1,443	1,669	1,913
1950-51 ..	1,998	1,076	1,626	3,044	1,597	1,906	1,147
1948-49—							
April ..	1,582	1,059	1,374	2,400	1,381	1,582	1,818
May ..	1,589						
June ..	1,594						
1949-50—							
July ..	1,589	1,060	1,381	2,498	1,402	1,610	1,857
August ..	1,597						
September ..	1,605						
October ..	1,604						
November ..	1,632						
December ..	1,670						
January ..	1,669						
February ..	1,684						
March ..	1,703						
April ..	1,735						
May ..	1,741						
June ..	1,743						
1950-51—							
July ..	1,764	1,066	1,509	2,831	1,492	1,773	2,026
August ..	1,788						
September ..	1,876						
October ..	1,903						
November ..	1,931						
December ..	1,963						
January ..	2,009						
February ..	2,050						
March ..	2,085						
April ..							
May ..							
June ..							

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index-number.

RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
1950 : June Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,764	1,739	1,631	1,683	1,711	1,693	1,730
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	1,999	1,971	1,973	1,920	1,992	1,891	1,976
" Real " .. (a) ..	1,133	1,133	1,210	1,141	1,164	1,117	1,142
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	138/-	137/-	129/-	131/-	133/-	131/-	135/-
State	(b) 138/-	(c)	(d) 133/-	(b) 131/-	(d) 140/-	(c)	..
1950 : September Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,819	1,769	1,671	1,722	1,745	1,745	1,773
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,057	2,015	2,009	1,973	2,044	1,946	2,026
" Real " .. (a) ..	1,131	1,139	1,202	1,146	1,171	1,115	1,143
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	142/-	140/-	132/-	134/-	136/-	135/-	138/-
State	(b) 142/-	(c)	(e) 136/-	(b) 134/-	(e) 143/6	(c)	..
1950 : December Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,895	1,856	1,744	1,813	1,812	1,806	1,853
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,336	2,279	2,229	2,235	2,322	2,226	2,291
" Real " .. (a) ..	1,233	1,228	1,278	1,233	1,281	1,233	1,236
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	146/-	143/-	135/-	137/-	139/-	139/-	142/-
" (f)	165/-	162/-	154/-	158/-	160/-	160/-	162/-
State	(b) 146/-	(c)	(g) 139/-	(b) 137/-	(h) 146/6	(c)	..
" (f)	165/-	(c)	(i) 154/-	(j) 158/-	(k) 166/6	(c)	..
1951 : March Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,972	1,938	1,818	1,869	1,931	1,890	1,932
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,416	2,363	2,290	2,314	2,388	2,271	2,367
" Real " .. (a) ..	1,225	1,219	1,260	1,238	1,237	1,202	1,225
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	173/-	170/-	159/-	166/-	166/-	165/-	169/-
State	(b) 173/-	(c)	(l) 159/-	(b) 166/-	(m) 172/11	(c)	..
1951 : June Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,115	2,074	1,915	2,019	2,060	2,042	2,067
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	180/-	177/-	166/-	171/-	176/-	173/-	176/-
State	(b) 180/-	(e)	(n) 166/-	(b) 171/-	(n) 184/3	(c)	..
1951 : September Quarter—							
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	193/-	189/-	175/-	184/-	188/-	187/-	189/-
State	(b) 193/-	(c)	(o) 175/-	(b) 184/-	(p) 196/8	(c)	..

(a) Weighted Average Six Capitals or Six States. Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown.
 (c) None declared, but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (d) Payable as from 1st May. (e) Payable as from 31st July. (f) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in December, 1950. (g) Payable as from 30th October. (h) Payable as from 23rd October.
 (i) Payable as from 7th December. (j) Payable as from 4th December. (k) Payable as from 18th December. (l) Payable as from 5th February. (m) Payable as from 29th January. (n) Payable as from 30th April. (o) Payable as from 30th July.
 (p) Payable as from 23rd July.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin*, Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale price quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and so provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.		Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold. (a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1936-37	..	1,111	1,104	929	1,073	982	993	1,064
1937-38	..	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	996	1,015
1938-39	..	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1944-45	..	1,636	1,320	1,200	1,407	1,367	1,205	1,399
1945-46	..	1,582	1,331	1,240	1,401	1,493	1,227	1,404
1946-47	..	1,810	1,786	1,313	1,705	1,752	1,234	1,697
1947-48	..	2,430	2,483	1,477	2,276	2,385	1,234	2,257
1948-49	..	2,165	2,954	1,807	2,464	3,060	1,234	2,481
1949-50†	..	2,552	3,713	1,915	2,971	3,724	1,393	2,991
1950-51†	..	2,645	7,079	2,022	4,581	4,220	1,776	4,476
1949-50†—								
June	..	2,584	4,635	1,996	3,424	3,868	1,776	3,406
1950-51†								
July	..	2,503	4,577	1,993	3,368	3,881	1,776	3,359
August	..	2,510	6,218	2,005	4,132	4,069	1,776	4,039
September	..	2,537	6,382	1,950	4,207	4,543	1,776	4,101
October	..	2,558	6,379	1,947	4,213	5,036	1,776	4,106
November	..	2,572	6,829	1,953	4,427	5,121	1,776	4,307
December	..	2,559	6,813	1,962	4,417	5,305	1,776	4,300
January	..	2,593	8,404	1,955	5,164	5,575	1,776	4,965
February	..	2,617	8,941	1,988	5,427	5,576	1,776	5,215
March	..	2,688	9,757	2,084	5,847	5,727	1,776	5,628
April	..	2,725	7,722	2,084	4,918	5,853	1,776	4,843
May	..	2,834	7,061	2,165	4,666	6,013	1,776	4,626
June	..	3,044	5,866	2,182	4,189	5,999	1,776	4,218

(a) Year ended previous December.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Primary Production Prices (All Groups).	Export Prices (including Gold).	Wholesale Prices of Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.			Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities) : "C" Series Index. (b)	Security Prices : New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies).
			Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced	All Groups.		
1936-37	1,064	1,144	991	980	984	973	1,022
1937-38	1,015	1,022	1,018	1,000	1,005	998	1,009
1938-39	922	834	991	1,020	1,011	1,029	969
1944-45	1,399	1,297	1,819	1,232	1,405	1,270	1,061
1945-46	1,404	1,459	1,782	1,257	1,412	1,278	1,161
1946-47	1,697	2,027	1,768	1,288	1,429	1,309	1,325
1947-48	2,257	2,834	1,924	1,448	1,588	1,393	1,450
1948-49	2,481	3,324	2,008	1,727	1,809	1,528	1,426
1949-50	(c) 2,991	3,830	2,231	1,982	2,054	1,669	1,491
1950-51	(c) 4,476	+6,544				1,906	1,845
1948-49—							
April .. ..	..	..	3,111	2,005	1,795	1,856	
May .. ..	..	..	3,112	2,002	1,801	1,859	
June .. ..	..	..	3,115	1,991	1,803	1,858	
1949-50—	(c)						
July	2,622	3,055	2,057	1,850	1,911		1,324
August	2,643	3,126	2,066	1,850	1,913		1,368
September	2,621	3,135	2,040	1,855	1,909		1,392
October	2,729	3,449	2,086	1,877	1,938		1,421
November	2,810	3,568	2,171	1,913	1,988		1,449
December	2,936	3,753	2,208	1,975	2,043		1,468
January	3,148	4,251	2,322	1,972	2,074		1,502
February	3,122	4,157	2,369	2,001	2,109		1,532
March	3,116	4,110	2,355	2,006	2,109		1,576
April	3,320	4,289	2,364	2,164	2,222		1,616
May	3,421	4,572	2,354	2,149	2,208		1,620
June	3,406	4,500	2,377	2,169	2,229		1,621
1950-51—	(c)						
July	3,359	4,510	2,359	2,178	2,231		1,597
August	4,039	5,787	2,403	(e) 2,218	(e) 2,273		1,640
September	4,101	5,993	2,422	(e) 2,223	(e) 2,282		1,692
October	4,106	6,018	2,468	(e) 2,255	(e) 2,317		1,724
November	4,307	6,395	2,503	(e) 2,322	(e) 2,374		1,849
December	4,300	6,430	2,547	(e) 2,302	(e) 2,374		1,849
January	4,965	7,715	2,558	(e) 2,377	(e) 2,430		1,916
February	5,215	8,114	2,640	(e) 2,485	(e) 2,529		1,929
March	5,628	8,604	2,688	(e) 2,673	(e) 2,677		1,935
April	4,843	+7,076	2,675	(e) 2,584	(e) 2,611		1,967
May	4,626	+6,534	2,683	(e) 2,658	(e) 2,664		2,020
June	4,218	+5,358					2,025

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (c) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown. See note at head of page 24. (d) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. See note (e) on page 18. (e) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. For the same indexes calculated using the auction room price of raw wool, see note (b) at foot of page 19.

For meaning of symbols ... + see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Government Buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.(a)			New South Wales.			Victoria.			
	Govern- ment.	Private.		Govern- ment. (b)	Private.		Govern- ment.	Private.		
	Common- wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Common- wealth and State.	Sydney and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note A.	Common- wealth and State.	Melbourne and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note B.	
M o n t h l y A v e r a g e s .										
1936-37 ..	..	..	(c)1,986	(d)627	..	848	416	..	667	62
1937-38 ..	..	..	(c)2,307	(d)764	..	1,093	506	..	669	78
1938-39 ..	..	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1944-45 ..	..	1,024	(c) 520	207	426	183	122	291	132	10
1945-46 ..	..	1,057	(c)2,190	1,147	540	943	808	381	592	61
1946-47 ..	..	1,248	4,084	(e)1,991	633	1,768	1,301	371	1,195	91
1947-48 ..	..	2,003	4,687	(f)3,151	1,044	1,705	(g)1,985	545	1,650	126
1948-49 ..	..	1,986	5,577	3,832	904	2,089	2,432	675	1,804	211
1949-50 ..	..	2,743	7,129	4,863	985	2,625	3,101	1,067	2,218	217
1950-51 ..	..					3,610			3,187	
1948-49—										
June Qtr. ..	1,857	6,144	4,178		740	2,207	2,667	656	2,200	249
1949-50—										
September Qtr. ..	2,645	6,188	4,079		989	2,227	2,554	994	2,039	196
December „ ..	2,695	6,145	4,689		842	2,381	3,104	1,050	1,881	202
March „ ..	2,504	7,529	5,182		798	2,726	3,254	1,057	2,369	214
June „ ..	3,128	8,652	5,500		1,310	3,165	3,491	1,169	2,583	256
1950-51—										
September Qtr. ..	3,960	9,582	6,297		2,020	3,183	4,082	1,133	2,948	308
December „ ..	4,544	9,317	6,150		2,078	3,331	4,141	1,558	2,958	219
March „ ..		10,187	6,832		2,071	3,732	4,718		2,986	225
June „ ..						4,193			3,855	
M o n t h l y T o t a l s .										
1950-51—										
April ..	..	13,079	..		..	4,073	5,012	..	4,404	..
May ..	..	12,942	..		..	5,306	5,481	..	3,630	..
June ..	..	..	..		..	3,201		..	3,532	..

(a) See note (a) on page 27.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

(d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia.

(e) See E and F, page 27.

(f) See A, below and C, page 27.

(g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.

B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale, and Borough of Shepparton.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

For meaning of symbols .., — see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)
 (£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Govern- ment.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.(b)	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.	Private.(a)	
	Common- wealth and State.	Brisbane and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note C.	Common- wealth and State.	Adelaide and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note D.	Common- wealth and State.	Perth and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note E.	Common- wealth and State.	Hobart and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note F.
Monthly Averages.												
1936-37	..	153	98	..	118	32	..	168	..	..	32	19
1937-38	..	167	114	..	173	48	..	174	..	..	31	18
1938-39	..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	..	20	16
1944-45	..	203	62	35	34	80	26	52	50	7	18	13
1945-46	..	34	241	193	46	260	51	39	129	18	17	25
1946-47	..	78	455	290	57	379	105	77	187	(c)60	32	(d) 100
1947-48	..	141	557	(f)692	128	418	91	113	238	60	32	119
1948-49	..	116	610	721	99	564	132	145	338	70	47	172
1949-50	..	198	827	868	209	727	188	197	499	111	87	233
1950-51	..		1,106			1,174						378
1948-49—												
June	Qtr.	126	644	721	122	610	158	153	281	68	60	202
1949-50—												
September Qtr.		191	870	823	241	509	150	200	320	87	30	223
December "		242	695	833	237	599	147	222	396	82	102	193
March "		112	778	851	153	864	192	206	557	120	178	235
June "		245	964	965	207	936	265	161	723	154	36	281
1950-51—												
September Qtr.		166	1,008	998	323	1,171	200	239	922	239	79	350
December "		372	983	955	100	914	185	267	830	221	169	301
March "		382	1,294	1,094	171	1,008	152	323	931	261	84	236
June "			1,140			1,604						382
Monthly Totals.												
April	..	1,191	1,067	..	1,421	..	..	1,472	338	..	518	475
May	..	805	1,280	..	1,326	..	..	1,515	387	..	360	689
June	..	1,424		..	2,066	..	..			..

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.

(b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

For meaning of symbols . . . — see page 1.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 27.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value. £'000.	Number.	Value. £'000.	Number.	Value. £'000.		
Monthly Averages.								
1936-37 (a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38 (a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39 (a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1943-44 (a) ..	62	33	34	83	96	116	183	299
1944-45 (a) ..	285	213	48	80	333	293	227	520
1945-46 (a) ..	1,531	1,635	107	156	1,638	1,791	399	2,190
1946-47 ..	2,209	2,976	156	512	2,365	3,488	596	4,084
1947-48 ..	2,381	3,649	124	453	2,505	4,102	585	4,687
1948-49 ..	2,621	4,457	110	440	2,731	4,897	680	5,577
1949-50 ..	3,045	5,770	113	460	3,158	6,230	899	7,129
Monthly Totals.								
1948-49—								
May ..	3,220	5,719	168	399	3,388	6,118	683	6,801
June ..	2,762	4,883	121	479	2,883	5,362	560	5,922
1949-50—								
July ..	2,512	4,282	81	294	2,593	4,576	450	5,026
August ..	2,828	5,186	102	347	2,930	5,533	868	6,401
September ..	3,004	5,661	121	531	3,125	6,192	944	7,136
October ..	2,932	5,348	99	342	3,031	5,690	817	6,507
November ..	3,001	5,723	104	334	3,105	6,057	771	6,828
December ..	2,167	4,086	93	374	2,260	4,460	641	5,101
January ..	2,873	5,246	68	263	2,941	5,509	712	6,221
February ..	3,374	6,390	125	639	3,499	7,029	982	8,011
March ..	3,446	6,774	136	499	3,582	7,273	1,084	8,357
April ..	2,829	5,470	120	539	2,949	6,009	707	6,716
May ..	3,935	7,808	178	780	4,113	8,588	1,455	10,043
June ..	3,635	7,266	132	571	3,767	7,837	1,361	9,198
1950-51—								
July ..	3,603	7,388	154	565	3,757	7,953	1,164	9,117
August ..	4,067	8,108	157	643	4,224	8,751	1,275	10,026
September ..	3,575	7,145	151	1,002	3,726	8,147	1,455	9,602
October ..	3,579	7,529	159	875	3,738	8,404	1,396	9,800
November ..	3,617	7,792	171	1,510	3,788	9,302	1,481	10,783
December ..	2,551	5,386	105	1,161	2,656	6,547	822	7,369
January ..	3,293	7,223	150	1,129	3,443	8,352	1,247	9,599
February ..	3,486	8,023	128	632	3,614	8,655	1,440	10,095
March ..	3,337	8,156	153	758	3,490	8,914	1,953	10,867
April ..	3,952	9,163	186	2,126	4,138	11,289	1,790	13,079
May ..	3,836	9,167	155	1,642	3,991	10,809	2,133	12,942

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—The National Security (Building Control) Regulations, which operated from 5th December, 1940, placed the granting of building permits for new buildings or alterations costing more than £5,000 under the control of the Commonwealth Treasurer. Various amending regulations made the control more stringent. On 19th June, 1942, the control passed to the Department for War Organization of Industry, after which date only alterations costing less than £25 could be made without consent. From 31st August, 1945, when control passed to the Department of Works and Housing, consent was not necessary for the erection of a dwelling house costing less than £1,200 or for repairs and alterations to a residential building costing less than £150 in any financial year. As from 1st November, 1945, the Commonwealth Government relinquished control over building permits and delegated its powers under National Security Regulations to the States until State legislation had been introduced. This action has been taken in all States except Tasmania, which discontinued control over building permits from 31st December, 1946. The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations. The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction.		
	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.
1945-46 .. ..	..	..	..	14,458	7,033	21,491	23,580	9,806	33,386
1946-47	54,959	16,591	71,550	35,694	6,315	42,009	44,745	21,255	66,000
1947-48	70,551	20,553	91,104	53,227	9,555	62,782	65,459	33,588	99,047
1948-49	87,498	27,690	115,188	73,324	15,726	89,050	84,172	49,065	133,237
1949-50	112,344	31,928	144,272	89,771	21,005	110,776	115,347	60,992	176,339
1948-49—March Qtr.	21,804	6,615	28,419	16,895	4,025	20,920	79,561	44,495	124,056
June ,,"	23,052	8,471	31,523	19,269	4,396	23,665	84,172	49,065	133,237
1949-50—Sept. Qtr.	23,213	6,868	30,081	20,734	5,669	24,403	88,995	50,143	139,138
Dec. ,,"	27,949	7,009	34,958	24,555	5,465	30,020	96,286	54,016	150,302
March ,,"	29,350	9,958	39,308	19,704	5,599	25,303	105,423	57,894	163,317
June ,,"	31,832	8,093	39,925	24,778	6,272	31,050	115,347	60,992	176,339
1950-51—Sept. Qtr.	36,857	11,614	48,471	27,986	6,000	33,986	127,267	67,976	195,243
Dec. ,,"	38,662	13,731	52,393	33,291	6,038	39,329	135,266	77,204	212,470
March ,,"	38,295	14,273	52,568	28,851	5,322	34,173	151,075	83,406	234,481

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1945-46	9,305	5,471	3,320	1,682	974	627	112	21,491
1946-47	17,097	11,067	7,257	2,744	2,117	1,417	310	42,009
1947-48	24,305	17,891	10,390	4,080	3,328	2,279	509	62,782
1948-49	33,737	27,357	12,199	6,483	4,707	3,810	757	89,050
1949-50	40,920	34,673	13,953	9,074	5,352	5,342	1,462	110,776
1948-49—March Qtr.	7,578	6,563	3,042	1,620	1,064	919	134	20,920
June ,,"	9,107	7,115	3,023	1,796	1,257	1,049	318	23,665
1949-50—Sept. Qtr.	9,038	7,600	3,179	1,756	1,315	1,290	225	24,403
Dec. ,,"	11,795	9,436	3,453	2,461	1,405	1,185	285	30,020
March ,,"	9,467	7,761	3,409	2,061	1,125	1,311	169	25,303
June ,,"	10,620	9,876	3,912	2,796	1,507	1,556	783	31,050
1950-51—Sept. Qtr.	11,168	11,412	4,056	2,896	1,891	2,178	385	33,986
Dec. ,,"	13,157	13,680	4,510	3,172	2,483	1,820	507	39,329
March ,,"	11,372	11,804	4,201	2,434	2,053	2,071	238	34,173

For meaning of symbol ... see page 1.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
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COMMENCED.

1946-47	17,720	12,981	8,925	3,269	2,405	1,642	323	47,265
1947-48	19,807	14,878	9,528	3,580	3,075	2,062	393	53,323
1948-49	21,291	15,487	9,361	4,561	3,843	2,849	534	57,926
1949-50	22,055	21,035	10,009	6,109	5,031	3,664	389	68,292
1948-49—Mar. Qtr.	4,818	3,976	2,309	1,223	928	778	197	14,229
June	5,461	3,680	2,467	1,194	891	829	142	14,664
1949-50—Sept. Qtr.	5,198	4,225	2,575	1,159	1,078	851	85	15,171
Dec.	5,875	5,444	2,379	1,407	1,208	926	109	17,348
Mar.	5,933	5,339	2,367	1,578	1,240	854	94	17,405
June	5,049	6,027	2,688	1,965	1,505	1,033	101	18,368
1950-51—Sept. Qtr.	6,136	6,731	2,746	2,194	1,616	968	122	20,513
Dec.	6,058	6,936	2,408	1,948	1,597	1,037	163	20,147
Mar.	5,793	5,821	2,577	1,741	1,969	1,031	228	19,160

COMPLETED.

1945-46	5,596	3,666	3,385	1,332	860	479	58	15,376
1946-47	12,187	7,436	7,746	2,227	1,792	1,070	149	32,607
1947-48	14,858	11,846	9,204	3,009	2,771	1,544	271	43,503
1948-49	17,864	14,278	9,354	3,989	3,244	2,287	323	51,339
1949-50	18,766	15,603	9,447	4,904	3,509	2,852	404	55,485
1948-49—Mar. Qtr.	3,769	3,263	2,180	951	716	589	79	11,547
June	4,597	3,432	2,288	1,113	798	589	76	12,893
1949-50—Sept. Qtr.	4,657	3,694	2,229	1,087	854	620	83	13,224
Dec.	5,253	4,503	2,465	1,310	922	655	111	15,219
Mar.	4,123	3,153	2,222	1,097	727	772	75	12,169
June	4,733	4,253	2,531	1,410	1,006	805	135	14,873
1950-51—Sept. Qtr.	4,775	4,930	2,525	1,624	1,149	1,038	176	16,217
Dec.	5,688	5,763	2,744	1,897	1,481	870	181	18,624
Mar.	4,417	4,654	2,449	1,389	1,174	966	74	15,123

UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

1945-46	9,200	6,135	2,441	1,559	865	1,013	188	21,401
1946-47	14,737	11,680	3,627	2,654	1,521	1,557	368	36,144
1947-48	19,686	14,712	3,951	3,203	1,841	2,065	491	45,949
1948-49	23,113	15,921	3,958	3,940	2,439	2,575	696	52,642
1949-50	26,402	21,353	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,508
1948-49—Mar. Qtr.	22,249	15,673	3,779	3,802	2,347	2,346	626	50,822
June	23,113	15,921	3,958	3,940	2,439	2,575	696	52,642
1949-50—Sept. Qtr.	23,654	16,452	4,304	4,051	2,663	2,804	697	54,625
Dec.	24,276	17,393	4,218	4,156	2,949	3,073	694	56,759
Mar.	26,086	19,579	4,363	4,653	3,458	3,148	712	61,999
June	26,402	21,353	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,508
1950-51—Sept. Qtr.	27,763	23,154	4,741	5,809	4,421	3,280	624	69,792
Dec.	28,133	24,327	4,405	5,892	4,537	3,447	606	71,347
Mar.	29,509	25,494	4,533	6,259	5,332	3,512	760	75,399

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.						Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigera- tors.
	Bricks.	Terra-cotta Roofing Tiles.	Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber.(a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas. (b)	Electric. (c)	
	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	
Monthly Averages.										
1936-37	53,068	2,630	522	53.6	60.0	567	..	..	..	..
1937-38	57,403	3,023	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749	1,257
1938-39	60,046	3,307	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730	2,458
1944-45	12,615	767	1,205	70.2	57.8	202	3,146	1,487	774	1,742
1945-46	25,437	1,961	1,322	74.2	60.3	451	3,864	1,839	(e) 688	3,384
1946-47	41,441	3,118	1,610	87.3	73.5	755	3,629	2,264	894	5,711
1947-48	48,156	3,483	1,641	93.1	84.4	977	4,438	3,309	2,532	9,362
1948-49	51,449	3,680	1,547	98.7	86.0	1,103	5,120	4,130	3,494	12,173
1949-50†	48,825	3,640	1,583	(f) 101.6	96.6	(f) 1,014	5,154	3,878	2,765	12,737
1950-51†					102.2					
Monthly Totals.										
1948-49—										
June	47,906	3,401	1,344	107.5	88.8	1,075	5,051	3,708	3,491	9,847
1949-50†—										
July	24,179	1,847	406	102.6	26.1	761	2,797	1,620	759	5,347
August	36,387	2,765	1,048	104.3	63.8	872	4,412	2,811	1,333	7,877
September	56,362	4,086	1,766	111.0	118.7	1,084	5,461	4,582	2,878	15,058
October	53,139	4,131	1,954	105.4	113.5	1,049	5,329	4,393	2,771	15,221
November	59,129	4,516	1,906	112.3	108.6	1,114	5,796	4,459	3,734	16,857
December	47,091	3,674	1,521	99.4	94.9	880	5,175	3,896	2,793	15,480
January	40,084	3,084	1,323	80.9	84.2	818	3,859	2,742	2,190	10,513
February	51,417	4,132	1,830	96.6	103.6	1,054	5,397	4,319	2,920	12,985
March	59,880	4,195	1,878	102.6	115.9	1,156	6,321	4,858	3,549	15,209
April	46,491	3,451	1,690	93.4	97.8	1,004	5,100	3,814	2,653	10,256
May	60,671	4,344	1,951	107.7	120.2	1,228	6,470	4,967	3,845	14,949
June	51,064	3,451	1,724	103.6	111.5	1,151	5,730	4,076	3,754	13,094
1950-51†—										*
July	51,104	3,470	1,775	96.1	99.6	1,109	6,273	4,186	3,057	13,772
August	* 61,198	3,843	1,855	96.3	104.8	1,169	6,894	4,486	4,143	16,084
September	57,820	3,955	2,070	107.6	112.9	1,160	6,546	4,339	3,817	15,284
October	58,363	4,244	1,892	114.5	115.3	1,143	6,039	4,509	3,920	16,697
November	60,333	4,416	1,990	95.1	111.8	1,130	6,195	5,270	4,227	18,452
December	45,125	3,124	1,168	95.2	80.7	782	4,896	3,655	3,131	15,436
January	42,244	3,034	1,351	89.3	66.7	853	4,442	2,978	2,729	12,220
February	53,151	3,978	1,834	92.0	99.3	1,068	6,316	5,286	3,786	14,289
March	53,445	3,894	1,692	99.2	102.3	1,036	6,124	5,194	4,400	15,193
April	* 56,765	3,671			108.8	1,065	6,168	5,064	3,649	14,381
May					119.4					17,597
June					104.9					

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.
 (c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.
 (d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) Average of six months' production. (f) Partly estimated.

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PRODUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight). (a)					
			Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Milk Products. (b)	Beef (in- cluding Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pork.	Bacon and Ham. (c)	Total. (d)
	'000 Short Tons.	'000 Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 Tons.
Monthly Averages.											
1936-37 ..	102.4	27.0	13,908	1,636	(e) 2,404	45,939	16,006	9,937	3,601	2,741	79.6
1937-38 ..	104.2	28.9	15,242	2,018	(e) 2,620	49,733	17,196	9,915	3,234	2,617	84.0
1938-39 ..	114.4	28.2	16,232	2,415	(e) 2,471	46,601	17,146	9,545	3,086	2,770	80.5
1944-45 ..	117.7	37.0	11,431	2,872	6,226	38,426	21,435	11,514	3,549	4,687	82.0
1945-46 ..	101.6	35.7	12,131	3,414	6,606	33,887	16,482	7,738	2,927	4,049	67.1
1946-47 ..	124.1	32.2	11,568	3,518	6,667	40,647	15,214	10,002	2,502	3,972	73.8
1947-48 ..	133.2	36.3	13,132	3,453	7,691	46,833	13,802	10,804	2,280	3,826	78.9
1948-49 ..	141.6	35.7	13,424	3,596	8,330	48,111	15,106	11,593	3,103	3,465	82.6
1949-50† ..	125.3	35.9	14,036	3,735	8,882	50,544	17,153	12,691	2,759	3,170	87.5
1950-51† ..		37.9	13,322	3,712							
Monthly Totals.											
1948-49—											
June ..	141.2	27.9	7,299	1,578	4,965	62,197	13,410	9,560	2,845	3,187	92.3
1949-50—	†	†	†	†	†				†	†	†
July ..	115.9	23.9	7,392	1,997	4,384	60,449	13,178	9,651	2,665	3,022	90.1
August ..	126.1	28.2	10,168	3,109	6,351	58,033	14,870	11,535	2,617	3,436	91.7
September ..	149.2	40.1	13,901	4,634	9,121	57,516	18,045	18,257	2,548	3,149	100.6
October ..	148.0	40.2	19,083	6,276	13,360	43,245	18,435	22,593	2,227	3,199	90.9
November ..	143.1	41.9	21,520	6,532	14,801	43,228	20,859	22,833	2,707	3,846	94.9
December ..	131.4	37.7	21,329	6,212	14,389	43,269	21,675	18,755	3,666	4,242	93.1
January ..	119.0	34.8	17,386	4,594	11,912	41,948	22,614	11,857	2,309	2,682	82.4
February ..	100.0	33.6	14,724	3,176	8,660	45,359	20,869	8,084	2,421	2,748	80.5
March ..	100.1	42.0	15,129	2,834	7,896	48,436	15,925	8,034	3,186	3,138	79.8
April ..	95.1	34.5	11,148	2,319	5,886	44,813	12,768	6,337	2,840	2,758	70.5
May ..	138.7	40.1	9,487	1,793	5,330	56,848	13,768	7,192	2,986	2,996	84.9
June ..	137.2	34.2	7,165	1,347	4,489	63,378	12,833	7,166	2,931	2,823	90.1
1950-51—											
July ..	145.5	37.9	7,355	1,661	4,480	57,958	12,353	6,775	2,629	2,619	83.3
August ..	147.6	42.8	10,379	3,036	6,701	58,118	12,220	8,410	2,541	3,006	85.4
September ..	146.5	40.3	14,446	5,095	9,780	55,482	12,360	11,208	2,375	2,909	85.4
October ..	142.9	38.7	19,933	7,021	13,031	51,975	12,781	16,199	2,441	2,959	87.4
November ..	122.1	38.5	21,281	7,214	14,618	50,308	14,355	15,047	2,943	3,623	87.6
December ..	119.9	36.2	20,659	6,198	12,819	46,932	14,900	14,128	3,930	4,225	85.6
January ..	142.0	33.3	18,201	4,466	10,263	42,870	17,218	8,929	2,662	2,808	75.5
February ..	132.6	34.0	13,800	2,797	7,866	47,231	16,590	7,265	3,045	2,860	78.0
March ..	139.6	38.1	12,627	2,626	6,674	52,815	14,701	6,641	3,380	3,045	81.7
April ..	141.7	37.2	8,848	1,643	4,923	57,894	13,812	6,534	3,100	2,980	85.4
May ..	154.2	40.3	6,595	1,334	4,592	67,653	12,485	6,320	3,242	3,371	94.3
June ..		37.6	5,746	1,447							

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory cream. (c) Cured weight. (d) In terms of fresh meat. (e) Incomplete.

(b) Excludes casein and sterilized

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MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

Period	Black Coal Produced.			Metals.						Gas made in Gasworks.	Total Electricity Generated
	Under-ground.	Open Cut.	Total.	Pig-iron.	Ingot Steel. (a)	Zinc, Refined.	Lead, Refined including Lead Bullion. (b)	Copper, Refined. (b)	Gold, Refined.		
	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kwh.
Monthly Averages.											
1936-37 ..	..	..	946	76.1	89.4	5,840	17,562	1,280	108.2	1,679	331
1937-38 ..	..	..	959	77.5	96.5	5,810	18,797	1,437	123.3	1,746	363
1938-39 ..	..	..	1,016	92.1	97.4	5,819	19,416	1,457	134.2	1,789	391
1944-45 ..	..	..	1,152	93.1	112.1	6,612	12,933	1,683	54.4	2,617	570
1945-46 ..	..	..	1,055	75.5	87.9	6,705	12,590	1,774	57.4	2,663	576
1946-47 ..	..	..	1,181	95.3	109.3	5,859	14,693	1,812	76.6	2,784	627
1947-48 ..	..	..	(c)1,226	103.0	111.9	6,283	14,497	1,290	75.3	3,025	697
1948-49 ..	†1,081	†176	†(c)1,257	87.1	98.0	6,889	17,017	934	77.7	3,061	754
1949-50 ..	†1,038	†204	†(c)1,242	†90.3	101.1	6,991	†15,988	†980	†71.8	2,892	791
1950-51 ..	..	..	110.4	117.7	..	..	..	..	†72.1	..	..
Monthly Totals.											
1948-49— June ..	†(c) 870	†(c) 173	†(c) 1,043	†69.9	70.9	6,936	18,909	707	104.3	2,979	789
1949-50— July ..	57	71	128	16.9	—	6,781	4,870	223	64.7	1,822	625
August ..	847	284	1,131	40.2	46.7	6,160	5,966	539	70.3	2,291	735
September ..	1,371	219	1,590	108.3	136.2	6,730	18,514	1,162	74.5	3,242	799
October ..	1,278	209	1,487	116.4	130.8	7,210	18,277	889	77.1	3,184	798
November ..	1,394	283	1,677	124.0	130.1	7,028	17,137	780	81.5	3,019	794
December ..	875	183	1,058	118.6	133.9	7,328	19,357	360	72.8	2,917	765
January ..	855	170	1,025	115.8	118.3	7,306	18,410	423	65.8	2,727	751
February ..	1,093	174	1,267	100.5	114.6	6,626	17,451	1,549	65.0	2,689	757
March ..	1,221	220	1,441	89.4	112.3	7,416	17,225	1,945	66.4	3,013	841
April ..	1,002	197	1,199	85.4	105.5	7,239	17,836	567	62.7	3,040	790
May ..	1,328	274	1,602	98.3	114.4	7,513	18,725	2,075	68.3	3,430	914
June ..	1,134	167	1,301	115.1	122.0	6,560	18,085	1,247	96.4	3,334	918
1950-51— July ..	1,194	185	1,379	103.0	104.3	7,503	17,076	529	64.4	3,333	947
August ..	1,334	271	1,605	120.6	125.1	7,498	17,359	744	72.1	3,471	944
September ..	1,238	249	1,487	122.2	135.9	7,244	16,042	1,329	73.8	3,293	876
October ..	1,296	235	1,531	138.3	133.0	7,098	16,294	1,297	79.6	3,246	873
November ..	1,310	200	1,510	118.8	131.2	5,977	9,364	1,310	79.3	3,098	838
December ..	972	203	1,175	107.4	118.1	5,689	16,128	533	67.3	2,933	802
January ..	*625	*179	*804	86.8	92.9	6,702	16,041	474	67.6	2,828	812
February ..	*933	*220	*1,153	86.8	97.5	6,484	14,388	520	67.9	2,577	796
March ..	*1,064	*247	*1,311	99.4	107.3	6,222	15,814	846	69.5	2,856	845
April ..	*1,165	278	*1,443	115.5	129.2	5,720	..	..	67.1	3,129	866
May ..	1,186	327	1,513	111.6	116.0	5,873	..	..	98.4	3,497	919
June ..	..	..	..	107.0	114.9	..	..	..	58.6	..	..

(a) Excludes a very small amount produced outside New South Wales.

(b) Source : Australian Mines and Metals Association.

(c) Source :

Joint Coal Board.

For meaning of symbols .., —, *, † see page 1.

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Beer.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a)	Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Superphosphate.	Boots and Shoes (not rubber).	Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, &c.
	'000 gals.	'000 lb.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 pairs.	'000.
Monthly Averages.						
1936-37	6,261	1,805	36,399	90,852	1,208	..
1937-38	7,084	1,904	41,274	102,820	1,176	..
1938-39	7,523	1,939	40,791	99,954	1,164	..
1944-45	8,613	2,193	27,751	69,954	1,388	63
1945-46	9,033	2,208	33,712	92,109	1,170	94
1946-47	10,657	2,534	38,318	97,541	1,306	141
1947-48	10,561	2,502	40,407	98,838	1,351	143
1948-49	12,171	2,427	48,775	118,595	1,287	145
1949-50†	13,001	2,483	50,589	123,622	1,279	164
1950-51†	14,452		53,078		1,390	
Monthly Totals.						
1948-49— June	10,908	2,201	52,136	132,050	1,379	128
1949-50†— July	6,335	2,353	29,481	71,565	1,016	69
August	10,977	2,528	49,995	127,785	1,377	159
September	13,531	2,270	51,218	124,743	1,417	181
October	13,513	2,567	44,274	111,823	1,370	169
November	14,177	2,899	50,831	128,503	1,443	195
December	14,381	2,496	50,719	113,399	1,063	142
January	14,119	1,927	54,836	134,756	864	114
February	13,601	2,467	46,834	120,580	1,264	176
March	15,311	2,714	56,830	141,772	1,426	193
April	12,417	2,363	53,984	122,808	1,177	152
May	14,809	2,805	60,989	152,886	1,500	220
June	12,838	2,407	57,081	132,838	1,429	199
1950-51†— July	12,700	2,645	52,879	125,089	1,386	198
August	14,104	2,575	58,120	150,906	1,536	219
September	13,595	2,567	46,803	115,700	1,479	203
October	14,792	2,569	48,194	106,011	1,583	201
November	15,029	2,528	54,792	136,365	1,538	215
December	15,079	2,803	48,277	107,214	1,062	126
January	15,838	2,162	55,011	146,682	1,001	126
February	13,816	2,787	47,884	119,720	*1,345	173
March	14,627	2,682	52,414	126,345	*1,329	185
April	14,554	2,726	52,968	133,163	*1,386	190
May	15,493	2,965	60,657	163,118	*1,542	210
June	13,797		58,939		1,491	

(a) Monthly averages for Australian factory production. Monthly totals for quantity upon which excise duty was paid.

For meaning of symbols .., † see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Recomputed from the original base 1937 = 100, as published in the *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : Average 3 years 1937 to 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium.	Canada.	Denmark.	France. (a)	Italy. (b)	Japan.	Nether- lands. (c)	Norway.	Sweden.	United King- dom. (d)	U.S.A.
1937 ..	112	101	98	100	..	94	96	98	97	..	109
1938 ..	91	96	98	92	100	101	97	98	97	..	86
1939 ..	97	102	105	..	..	105	107	104	106	..	105
1944 ..	..	187	85	30	..	137	41	75	111	..	227
1945 ..	..	165	72	39	..	57	30	68	109	..	196
1945-46 ..	(e) 81	152	82	(e) 73	..	(e) 32	(f) 55	83	(e) 132	(e) 100	163
1946-47 ..	(e) 97	157	101	(e) 87	..	(e) 38	83	106	(e) 136	(e) 108	177
1947-48 ..	(e) 103	167	122	95	..	(e) 49	101	119	(e) 145	117	182
1948-49 ..	107	172	129	109	104	57	115	126	(e) 150	125	180
1949-50 ..	104	176	143	111	112	65	127	134	152	134	174
1948-49—											
May ..	110	176	141	120	112	61	118	137	159	134	168
June ..	107	178	136	118	111	62	118	133	152	130	164
1949-50—											
July ..	93	167	103	106	110	63	119	87	103	118	157
August ..	99	167	135	92	90	61	116	118	149	119	168
September ..	103	177	145	110	111	62	127	132	155	132	172
October ..	105	174	142	112	112	64	132	135	154	135	163
November ..	107	174	145	114	110	63	135	139	160	140	168
December ..	107	175	146	116	112	66	131	130	156	131	172
January ..	105	171	138	116	110	63	127	132	152	135	172
February ..	107	175	143	116	107	63	120	151	156	140	171
March ..	107	180	149	102	121	67	134	147	163	144	177
April ..	110	179	154	112	114	69	121	140	169	135	181
May ..	110	185	160	117	125	71	126	148	163	141	189
June ..	100	194	156	114	120	72	133	142	160	143	193
1950-51—											
July ..	91	187	111	106	120	71	132	92	108	134	191
August ..	106	180	149	91	101	72	136	131	153	123	205
September ..	118	192	159	115	125	73	146	139	160	143	208
October ..	123	198	158	121	133	81	152	145	168	152	213
November ..	123	198	158	126	127	83	148	146	169	153	207
December ..	119	197	152	122	129	88	135	144	*166	140	208
January ..	*121	*197	149	126	*132	85	141	144	*160	140	208
February ..	126	201	153	128	*128	83	*136	162	164	150	*209
March ..	130	204	158	*126	140	*96	*151	*148	172	142	211
April ..	205	157	129			96	145	149	171		213
May ..		157									215

(a) Base 1937 = 100. (b) Base 1938 = 100. (c) Manufacturing, mining and public utilities. (d) Interim

index prepared to provide an overall measure of monthly changes in total industrial production (including supplies and equipment for Armed Forces). Includes mining and quarrying, manufacturing industries, building and contracting, gas, electricity and water. Base 1946 = 100. (e) Year ended December. (f) Eleven months August-June.

For meaning of symbols .., *, — see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excludes Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(a)		
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.
1936-37	499,289	214,296	77,912	48,587	24,191	7,479
1937-38	534,963	241,751	80,114	55,125	27,402	8,323
1938-39 (a)	562,271	258,025	79,237	54,107	24,927	7,370
1943-44	493,391	274,269	52,560	825	12,635	340
1944-45	505,782	290,961	57,239	899	7,654	411
1945-46	522,615	333,129	72,701	2,123	8,686	1,953
1946-47	550,400	375,646	86,712	21,237	16,317	8,220
1947-48	593,077	414,072	100,196	42,745	28,769	14,308
1948-49	655,497	452,147	117,133	66,471	36,678	22,226
1949-50	767,556	495,684	133,866	115,012	57,946	26,782
1948-49—						
May	648,637	448,433	115,457	7,087	3,448	2,002
June	655,497	452,147	117,133	6,249	3,541	1,814
1949-50—						
July	659,894	450,578	116,538	6,145	3,409	1,792
August	669,619	457,403	118,666	6,229	3,535	2,076
September	676,863	462,238	120,381	7,118	3,932	2,279
October	681,573	465,462	121,703	7,292	4,304	2,245
November	691,859	471,356	123,666	10,624	5,282	2,480
December	702,380	476,623	125,770	10,794	5,643	2,538
January	709,407	477,212	126,883	7,505	3,894	2,214
February	715,715	481,728	127,708	9,665	4,545	2,275
March	730,587	486,279	129,817	12,272	5,726	2,626
April	739,192	489,332	131,220	9,976	4,752	2,128
May	755,361	496,720	132,834	14,864	6,969	2,483
June	767,556	495,684	133,866	12,528	5,955	1,646
1950-51—						
July	777,170	499,875	132,719	11,915	6,358	1,781
August	790,006	507,543	134,495	13,446	7,588	2,136
September	800,349	511,398	135,383	11,814	7,186	2,076
October	810,987	515,268	136,711	11,940	7,529	2,380
November	821,689	523,394	137,783	11,848	7,978	2,470
December	831,225	527,628	138,025	9,926	6,008	1,975
January	839,345	529,273	139,196	7,742	5,021	2,044
February	849,280	535,074	140,681	10,096	5,877	2,197
March	858,026	540,163	142,359	10,019	6,379	3,113
April	868,603	545,176	144,268	*9,742	5,942	2,620
May†	874,965	547,791	147,374	10,641	6,463	2,405

(a) Excludes Northern Territory; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

For meaning of symbols *, †, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

Period.	Freight Carried.		Passenger-Journeys.	Gross Revenue.	Net Revenue.
	Net Ton Miles.	Average haul per ton.			
	Daily Average. '000.	Miles.	Daily Average. '000.	Per Month. £'000.	Per Month. £'000.
1936-37	12,820	125.9	1,028	3,407	886
1937-38	13,976	125.0	1,048	3,632	886
1938-39	13,085	127.0	1,048	3,580	694
	(a)	(a)			
1943-44	19,694	155.6	1,445	6,434	1,190
1944-45	18,389	150.0	1,457	5,869	1,056
1945-46	16,893	147.1	1,485	5,576	823
1946-47	17,406	148.4	1,368	5,303	427
1947-48	(b) 18,510	(b) 144.4	1,395	6,376	443
1948-49	(b) 19,317	(b) 146.2	1,381	7,174	89
1949-50	(b) 19,181	(b) 148.8	1,377	7,702	— 184
1949-50—	(b)	(b)			(c)
March	19,701	147.9	1,509	8,540	393
April	18,945	149.7	1,598	7,574	— 116
May	21,181	151.3	1,467	8,709	— 226
June	18,457	148.2	1,336	8,438	— 1,720
1950-51—					
July	18,502	150.1	1,448	7,679	— 645
August	20,674	140.3	1,358	8,895	— 175
September	21,210	149.2	1,388	8,816	— 286
October	18,591	142.9	1,197	7,732	— 194
November	15,492	139.3	867	6,838	— 223
December	18,217	161.0	1,214	8,480	— 417
January	18,022	145.6	1,372	9,323	— 453
February	19,962	151.8	1,433	8,702	— 869
March	18,751	158.8	1,335	9,144	— 537
April	20,457	148.3	1,456	9,400	— 477

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Excludes Tasmania. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS: GROSS REVENUE. (a)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Total.
1949-50	(b) 40,282	21,938	15,458	(c) 6,424	6,372	90,474
1950-51	49,382		18,876		6,971	

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. (b) Excludes £3,000,000, part of Commonwealth grant towards losses due to coal strike. (c) Excludes Treasury transfers 1949-50, £3,000,000.

INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

Period.	Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from—						Total Australia.
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	
Monthly Averages.							
1936-37 ..	284	92	39	184	8	68	675
1937-38 ..	309	101	37	212	8	75	742
1938-39 ..	284	94	39	241	10	78	746
1943-44(a) ..	319	86	53	220	16	76	770
1944-45(a) ..	317	96	47	217	32	66	775
1945-46(a) ..	264	70	44	158	26	56	(b) 618
1946-47 ..	283	72	46	234	17	55	(b) 707
1947-48 ..	293	64	46	216	14	58	(b) 692
1948-49 ..	287	59	43	167	11	50	(b) 617
1949-50 ..	258	58	40	215	12	51	(b) 635
Monthly Totals.							
1948-49—							
April ..	248	64	42	49	8	47	458
May ..	322	60	47	49	15	51	544
June ..	178	58	32	63	17	30	378
1949-50—							
July ..	36	74	33	53	9	55	(b) 261
August ..	198	61	37	72	3	41	412
September ..	352	67	40	223	22	72	(b) 777
October ..	322	44	44	279	13	35	737
November ..	317	52	37	259	18	60	(b) 744
December ..	310	63	43	261	10	37	724
January ..	233	48	65	251	8	37	(b) 643
February ..	276	50	47	190	7	57	(b) 629
March ..	289	42	34	260	12	47	684
April ..	238	67	38	239	6	55	(b) 643
May ..	301	48	41	222	17	55	(b) 685
June ..	225	75	39	268	16	62	(b) 685
1950-51—							
July ..	226	51	34	277	8	64	660
August ..	320	81	42	280	19	65	807
September ..	341	50	58	287	12	65	813
October ..	292	72	45	217	4	46	676
November ..	298	40	65	210	24	48	685
December ..	285	53	43	214	7	41	643
January ..	156	57	35	250	10	46	554
February ..	171	43	45	206	10	52	(b) 527
March ..	219	49	27	249	13	48	605
April† ..	263	56	58	212	9	53	651

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.
Northern Territory.

(b) Includes

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

Period.	Discharged.			Shipped.		
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).
Monthly Averages.						
1936-37	304	169	473	419	78	497
1937-38	364	190	554	478	91	569
1938-39	350	183	533	428	91	519
1943-44(a)	345	148	493	279	142	421
1944-45(a)	362	150	512	251	151	402
1945-46(a)	384	139	523	202	121	323
1946-47	348	116	464	259	112	371
1947-48	415	160	575	374	104	478
1948-49	488	214	702	452	114	566
1949-50	641	298	939	422	116	538
Monthly Totals.						
1948-49—						
April	554	236	790	432	131	563
May	593	225	818	548	126	674
June	486	249	735	418	118	536
1949-50—						
July	611	210	821	373	112	485
August	725	228	953	445	121	566
September	597	305	902	489	132	621
October	666	315	981	476	121	597
November	575	254	829	329	100	429
December	568	296	864	343	100	443
January	680	343	1,023	336	81	417
February	506	254	760	432	95	527
March	766	365	1,131	471	140	611
April	638	334	972	463	124	587
May	780	378	1,158	527	144	671
June	576	291	867	377	117	494
1950-51—						
July	777	342	1,119	360	104	464
August	852	353	1,205	479	95	574
September	766	310	1,076	537	122	659
October	721	308	1,029	440	109	549
November	725	315	1,040	388	113	501
December	680	319	999	405	116	521
January	868	400	1,268	455	71	526
February	687	352	1,039	417	74	491
March	772	322	1,094	511	105	616
April†	664	358	1,022	448	134	582

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

(£'000.)

Period.				Australia.		
	Net Sales Recorded under Sales Tax Acts.(a)			Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.
						Monthly Averages. Totals complete.
1936-37 ..	..	..	..	15,440	21,751	37,191
1937-38 ..	..	..	..	16,942	23,612	40,554
1938-39 ..	..	..	..	16,374	23,388	39,762
						1943-44 ..
1943-44 ..	..	..	..	17,851	32,622	50,473
1944-45 ..	..	..	..	19,274	32,988	52,262
1945-46 ..	..	..	..	22,330	33,373	55,703
1946-47 ..	..	..	..	24,580	42,170	66,750
1947-48 ..	..	..	..	26,193	53,329	79,522
1948-49 ..	..	..	..	30,264	63,115	93,379
1949-50 ..	..	..	..	37,937	72,215	110,152
						Taxable Sales—Rates.
	8½ per cent.	10 per cent.	25 per cent.	33½ per cent.		
1949-50—						Monthly Totals. Partly Estimated.
October ..	35,504	..	977	..	36,481	75,033
November ..	40,399	..	1,116	..	41,515	64,227
December ..	40,528	..	943	..	41,471	72,366
January ..	30,687	..	596	..	31,283	61,284
February ..	35,879	..	784	..	36,663	73,505
March ..	43,132	..	834	..	43,966	80,144
April ..	37,041	..	708	..	37,749	72,774
May ..	43,685	..	817	..	44,502	90,387
June ..	42,762	..	612	..	43,374	83,237
1950-51—						
July ..	39,238	..	656	..	39,894	77,932
August ..	40,070	..	755	..	40,825	89,290
September ..	41,621	..	744	..	42,365	89,934
October ..	44,275	2,362	1,282	1,031	48,950	97,097
November ..	38,931	6,737	978	2,869	49,515	88,235
December* ..	36,371	6,033	1,000	2,977	46,381	87,545
January† ..	31,500	5,000	850	2,000	39,350	82,500

(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39; 8½ from 3.5.40; 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40; 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; 12½ and 25 from 1.5.42; 10 and 25 from 15.11.46; 8½ and 25 from 8.9.49; 8½, 10, 25 and 33½ from 13.10.50. From 21.7.43, rationed clothing, &c., were reduced to 7½ per cent. and was exempted from 15.11.46. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 13.12.38; 26.9.39; and restricted as from 3.6.40; 22.11.40; 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42, 3.7.43, 21.7.43, 8.9.44 there was a partial restoration of former exemptions. As from 13.9.45, 10.4.46, 15.11.46, 20.9.47, 9.9.48, 8.9.49 and 13.10.50, further former exemptions were restored and additional exemptions granted.

For meaning of symbols ...*, † see page 1.

RETAIL TRADE.

Statistics of retail sales are collected in three States but are available for publication in only two, namely, New South Wales and Queensland. In New South Wales the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau, in co-operation with the Commonwealth Bank, collects returns from a number of large Sydney stores. In Queensland returns are collected by the Bureau of Industry from twelve large department stores in Brisbane and their branches in country towns. It is uncertain to what extent the department store figures are representative of all retail trade.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES : PERCENTAGE CHANGE ON PREVIOUS YEAR.

Period.	Sydney.					Queensland.					Year.	
	Average of 3 months ended—				Year.	Average of 3 months ended—						
	September	December	March	June		September	December	March	June			
1936-37 ..	+ 6.5	+ 4.6	+ 4.5	+ 5.7	+ 5.3	+ 0.8	- 2.6	- 3.0	- 1.3	- 1.5		
1937-38 ..	+ 8.1	+11.7	+ 6.3	+ 6.7	+ 8.3	+ 1.4	+ 6.1	+ 2.7	+ 5.1	+ 4.0		
1938-39 ..	+ 4.7	+ 2.3	+ 4.6	- 3.1	+ 1.9	+ 3.7	+ 1.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.5	+ 2.6		
1944-45 ..	+ 6.6	+ 7.4	+ 4.8	+ 3.2	+ 5.4	+ 7.6	+10.0	+ 1.0	- 0.3	+ 4.5		
1945-46 ..	+22.5	+30.8	+37.2	+35.3	+31.6	+16.5	+27.7	+22.4	+24.8	+23.3		
1946-47 ..	+34.6	+25.0	+14.9	+19.0	+23.7	+14.6	+ 9.3	+ 9.9	+15.8	+12.4		
1947-48 ..	+23.6	+17.1	+19.5	+18.5	+19.5	+26.0	+17.9	+12.3	+11.4	+16.6		
1948-49 ..	+15.6	+13.1	+16.9	+ 6.2	+12.7	+12.7	+ 8.2	+11.7	+ 7.0	+ 9.6		
1949-50 ..	- 4.5	+10.3	+ 9.1	+ 9.6	+ 6.2	- 1.4	+ 5.3	+11.8	+ 8.5	+ 5.9		
1950-51 ..	+32.9	+16.2	+30.9			+22.8	+12.7	+38.3				
	Month of—		Average of 3 months ended—			Month of—		Average of 3 months ended—				
1948-49—												
May ..	+15.2		+12.3				+10.7		+ 2.0			
June ..	+ 2.4		+ 6.2				+ 0.9		+ 7.0			
1949-50—												
July ..	-16.3		+ 0.9				- 9.1		+ 1.0			
August ..	- 2.8		- 5.3				+ 5.4		- 1.2			
September	+ 4.1		- 4.5				+ 0.4		- 1.4			
October ..	+10.0		+ 3.5				+ 4.4		+ 3.4			
November	+13.2		+ 9.1				+ 4.3		+ 3.1			
December	+ 8.2		+10.3				+ 6.8		+ 5.3			
January ..	+ 7.6		+ 9.7				+16.7		+ 8.4			
February	+12.6		+ 9.2				+ 7.7		+ 9.7			
March ..	+ 8.0		+ 9.1				+11.3		+11.8			
April ..	- 0.3		+ 6.2				+ 8.3		+ 9.1			
May ..	+14.7		+ 7.6				+ 8.3		+ 9.2			
June ..	+15.0		+ 9.6				+ 9.0		+ 8.5			
1950-51—												
July ..	+31.1		+19.1				+26.3		+13.8			
August ..	+39.1		+28.7				+18.4		+17.5			
September	+27.9		+32.9				+23.5		+22.8			
October ..	+21.4		+29.4				+15.6		+19.1			
November	+14.1		+20.9				+ 4.2		+14.0			
December	+14.0		+16.2				+17.3		+12.7			
January ..	+41.4		+20.9				+50.2		+21.7			
February	+28.5		+25.5				+40.0		+32.8			
March ..	+25.3		+30.9				+25.1		+38.3			
April ..	+47.7		+33.6				+29.0		+31.1			
May ..	+22.8		+31.0									

NINE TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)

Liabilities and Assets Within Australia.
 (£'000.)

Period.	Business within Australia.							
	Deposits.(b)			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities. (c)	Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank.	Cash.	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.					
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1936-37 ..	184,722	112,880	297,602	262,496	15,047	—	34,199	24,512
1937-38 ..	194,785	120,022	314,807	274,365	21,411	—	37,114	20,728
1938-39 ..	198,793	118,868	317,661	288,109	20,477	—	33,597	21,533
1944-45 ..	224,023	343,773	567,796	208,719	105,842	207,992	38,038	60,283
1945-46 ..	220,415	385,953	606,368	212,178	115,272	238,098	38,462	59,782
1946-47 ..	206,862	429,749	636,611	261,140	95,026	264,991	37,928	25,831
1947-48 ..	201,891	471,604	673,495	329,850	65,606	262,258	44,389	18,089
1948-49 ..	211,262	565,140	776,402	368,582	61,455	322,670	48,016	22,110
1949-50 ..	224,477	685,587	910,064	403,889	83,813	377,006	51,960	26,502
1950-51 ..	247,728	896,498	1,144,226	479,322	90,244	500,317	59,333	36,887
1948-49—								
June ..	215,924	601,486	817,410	383,334	62,464	381,233	39,993	11,140
1949-50—								
July(e) ..	213,367	579,226	792,593	391,973	69,258	341,141	42,374	11,000
August ..	212,643	578,464	791,107	390,489	72,720	326,353	47,228	13,300
September ..	211,672	590,594	802,266	393,684	76,618	308,328	49,760	17,200
October ..	211,336	610,038	821,374	400,712	75,670	306,953	51,797	25,200
November ..	221,092	644,147	865,239	404,628	76,103	320,253	56,296	30,600
December ..	222,180	692,385	914,565	403,973	77,498	337,453	58,016	44,375
January ..	226,848	703,002	929,850	400,902	84,744	364,453	59,369	37,000
February ..	228,938	737,754	966,692	399,849	92,495	409,703	51,975	31,750
March ..	231,414	775,155	1,006,569	404,696	92,503	433,853	54,465	34,950
April ..	238,579	779,447	1,018,026	414,899	94,505	456,953	53,733	28,750
May ..	235,551	766,017	1,001,568	414,092	96,503	466,153	47,927	24,350
June ..	239,409	765,451	1,004,860	427,189	96,501	442,828	51,058	20,250
1950-51—								
July ..	244,487	753,319	997,806	440,544	98,624	430,078	49,482	22,875
August ..	244,298	739,091	983,389	444,144	96,507	441,453	51,598	16,050
September ..	243,995	758,347	1,002,342	449,162	92,933	448,453	60,006	18,500
October ..	248,739	808,408	1,057,147	465,026	84,602	458,828	58,149	29,625
November ..	250,053	846,485	1,096,538	476,507	80,678	480,303	56,972	33,550
December(f) ..	247,055	886,454	1,133,509	490,465	83,693	485,953	62,143	36,750
January ..	249,193	909,882	1,159,075	482,022	85,894	498,483	64,764	41,750
February ..	247,289	950,896	1,198,185	495,345	92,420	523,078	60,798	42,250
March ..	246,168	1,038,946	1,285,114	507,196	92,574	532,453	70,683	57,750
April ..	248,078	1,048,892	1,296,970	502,297	88,083	557,453	69,273	57,000
May ..	251,939	1,039,830	1,291,769	496,909	93,413	575,453	59,482	54,250
June ..	250,122	987,593	1,237,715	509,459	92,993	569,616	50,476	32,75

(a) Bank of Adelaide, Bank of Australasia Ltd., Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) and Union Bank of Australia Ltd. Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Technical adjustments in the method of compiling advances and deposits were made by one bank from July, 1949. The effect was to reduce both deposits and advances by approximately £2,600,000.

(f) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

For meaning of symbols —, —— see page 1.

NINE TRADING BANKS.(a)—continued.

(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)

Ratios of Assets and Liabilities to Total Deposits (b) Within Australia.
(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Advances.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c)	Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	
Averages of Weekly Figures.						
1936-37	11.49	19.73	88.20	93.26	—	37.93
1937-38	11.79	18.37	87.15	93.95	—	38.13
1938-39	10.58	17.36	90.70	97.15	—	37.42
1944-45	6.70	17.31	36.76	55.40	36.63	60.55
1945-46	6.34	16.20	(d)34.99	(d)54.00	39.27	63.65
1946-47	5.96	10.02	41.02	55.95	41.63	67.51
1947-48	6.59	9.28	48.98	58.72	38.94	70.02
1948-49	6.18	9.03	47.47	55.39	41.56	72.79
1949-50	5.71	8.62	44.35	53.55	41.40	75.28
1950-51	5.19	8.41	41.89	49.69	43.73	78.35
1948-49—						
June	4.89	6.25	46.90	54.54	46.64	73.58
1949-50—						
July(e)	5.35	6.74	49.45	58.19	43.04	73.08
August	5.97	7.65	49.36	58.55	41.25	73.12
September	6.20	8.34	49.07	58.62	38.43	73.62
October	6.31	9.38	48.79	58.00	37.37	74.27
November	6.51	10.05	46.76	55.56	37.01	74.45
December	6.34	11.19	44.17	52.64	36.90	75.71
January	6.38	10.36	43.11	52.22	39.19	75.60
February	5.38	8.66	41.36	50.83	42.38	76.31
March	5.41	8.88	40.21	49.40	43.10	77.01
April	5.28	8.10	40.76	50.04	44.89	76.56
May	4.79	7.22	41.34	50.98	46.54	76.48
June	5.08	7.10	42.51	52.11	44.07	76.17
1950-51—						
July	4.96	7.25	44.15	54.03	43.10	75.49
August	5.25	6.88	45.16	54.97	44.89	75.16
September	5.99	7.84	44.81	54.08	44.74	75.66
October	5.50	8.30	43.99	51.99	43.40	76.47
November	5.20	8.26	43.46	50.82	43.80	77.20
December(f)	5.48	8.72	43.25	50.63	42.87	78.20
January	5.58	9.18	41.59	49.00	43.01	78.50
February	5.07	8.60	41.34	49.06	43.66	79.36
March	5.50	9.99	39.47	46.67	41.43	80.84
April	5.34	9.73	38.73	45.52	42.98	80.87
May	4.60	8.80	38.47	45.70	44.55	80.50
June	4.08	6.73	41.16	48.67	46.02	79.79

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.

(b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock.

(c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

(e) See footnote (e) on previous page.

(f) See footnote (f) on previous page.

For meaning of symbols —, —— see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

(GENERAL BANKING DIVISION AND RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE
DEPARTMENTS.)

Liabilities and Assets within Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total				
Averages of Weekly Figures.							
1945-46(b)	21,101	35,775	56,876	20,533	7,366	5,379	35,249
1946-47	17,574	41,372	58,946	25,698	7,176	3,131	36,488
1947-48	13,873	44,549	58,422	33,338	7,432	1,189	32,662
1948-49	13,214	52,346	65,560	49,230	6,871	462	34,461
1949-50	14,775	72,311	87,086	81,669	13,975	1,962	35,352
1950-51	19,405	93,603	113,008	102,426	8,316	24,126	27,100
1948-49— June	12,478	57,399	69,877	57,658	5,870	—	34,374
1949-50— July	12,740	62,381	75,121	61,256	13,857	—	32,199
August	12,739	67,149	79,888	63,798	18,023	—	31,873
September	12,789	69,753	82,542	64,342	23,191	—	29,573
October	12,876	72,690	85,566	67,190	21,253	—	31,573
November	14,151	80,032	94,183	69,345	25,700	—	34,274
December	15,585	82,091	97,676	72,196	20,928	—	41,074
January	15,654	76,027	91,681	74,239	14,922	—	41,073
February	15,928	70,326	86,254	86,079	7,965	—	41,574
March	16,393	71,673	88,066	105,891	6,176	3,500	41,073
April	16,248	72,327	88,575	111,799	5,706	6,500	35,824
May	15,894	71,476	87,370	104,045	5,271	6,500	34,274
June	16,283	71,538	87,821	95,749	4,891	6,500	29,823
1950-51— July	16,795	72,160	88,955	94,327	5,888	6,500	26,824
August	17,848	74,891	92,739	91,583	5,500	5,700	30,373
September	17,663	82,677	100,340	96,187	7,995	11,250	32,073
October	17,944	87,420	105,364	95,486	5,922	14,250	32,574
November	18,463	95,406	113,869	91,089	10,572	15,600	35,574
December(c)	18,491	102,336	120,827	93,030	13,716	20,333	33,574
January	18,227	87,970	106,197	98,835	6,909	19,400	27,806
February	18,115	97,218	115,333	103,593	11,237	23,250	26,614
March	18,346	111,482	129,828	113,976	14,420	38,500	25,114
April	24,132	107,027	131,159	116,855	7,557	51,500	19,364
May	24,046	106,483	130,529	121,920	6,373	47,510	19,544
June	22,322	102,767	125,089	111,453	7,112	36,850	16,164

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) See footnote (f) on page 42.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

Liabilities and Assets.(a)

(£A'000.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).	
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.						
Averages of Weekly Figures.									
1945-46(b)	..	16,908	176,905	193,813	241,843	26,864	144,385	181,594	418,266
1946-47	..	18,741	180,661	199,402	266,951	24,063	122,101	217,642	392,217
1947-48	..	22,245	175,845	198,090	263,688	28,018	142,014	196,694	419,857
1948-49	..	24,912	178,649	203,561	223,930	29,764	174,647	336,175	356,260
1949-50	..	27,926	194,272	222,198	379,632	30,661	200,345	434,018	348,965
1950-51	..	32,725	219,045	251,770	503,248	34,696	238,230	596,276	366,570
 1949-50—									
July	..	25,348	187,465	212,813	342,708	22,830	176,195	380,173	323,650
August	..	25,415	187,398	212,813	327,990	27,362	182,105	384,350	321,373
September	..	25,734	188,829	214,563	310,045	29,307	194,135	379,822	337,767
October	..	26,857	190,081	216,938	308,670	30,868	214,200	381,755	365,274
November	..	27,345	191,518	218,863	321,970	35,095	226,740	397,634	379,070
December	..	31,013	199,988	231,001	339,170	34,217	194,637	406,778	368,934
January	..	30,363	194,638	225,001	366,170	35,596	195,843	427,652	370,098
February	..	27,823	194,115	221,938	411,620	31,820	183,909	449,568	349,119
March	..	27,765	196,148	223,913	437,000	35,084	203,897	485,268	341,700
April	..	29,566	200,560	230,126	461,320	31,157	211,693	507,001	343,885
May	..	29,601	199,262	228,863	471,170	25,722	209,138	497,740	346,755
June	..	28,677	201,949	230,626	447,845	28,714	206,529	503,249	341,690
 1950-51—									
July	..	28,748	203,460	232,208	434,295	26,191	213,607	534,156	324,577
August	..	29,472	204,898	234,370	445,170	27,821	201,157	534,031	322,863
September	..	29,256	206,889	236,145	452,170	37,305	204,741	532,358	337,829
October	..	30,183	208,400	238,583	462,545	35,255	221,047	543,044	362,363
November	..	30,677	210,543	241,220	483,420	33,851	220,115	559,218	365,900
December	..	c55,696	c222,824	258,520	488,170	36,536	220,806	563,218	376,448
January	..	35,963	219,108	255,071	501,450	36,617	234,964	567,034	400,718
February	..	32,689	220,394	253,083	526,045	35,619	237,950	591,618	388,993
March	..	35,070	229,451	264,521	535,420	46,670	270,665	640,626	407,550
April	..	35,091	231,055	266,146	560,420	44,158	281,424	676,439	398,216
May	..	34,845	234,675	269,520	578,420	34,520	278,338	701,234	368,563
June	..	35,003	238,580	273,583	572,583	23,307	278,528	718,228	346,885
 1951-52—									
July	..			276,346	540,758	29,458	287,338	712,641	345,150

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays of period.
months ended June, 1946.

(c) Dissection made on proportion indicated by the returns for first three Wednesdays.

(b) Ten

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (a)

Liabilities and Assets within Australia.(b)

(£'000.)

Period.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				
Averages of Weekly Figures.							
1945-46(c)	245,824	437,036	682,860	249,435	48,354	68,351	160,295
1946-47	229,515	481,096	710,611	309,706	47,622	29,692	139,993
1947-48(d)	221,199	528,675	749,874	394,658	54,948	20,147	108,814
1948-49	231,812	635,871	867,683	457,595	59,059	24,445	109,592
1949-50	249,332	780,923	1,030,255	531,795	69,973	29,512	132,301
1950-51	279,553	1,022,049	1,301,602	638,352	72,586	64,101	129,719
1948-49—							
June	236,244	678,569	914,813	482,931	49,148	12,210	111,527
1949-50—							
July (e)	233,729	660,515	894,244	496,304	59,573	11,000	115,295
August	232,990	664,440	897,430	497,561	68,186	13,420	117,787
September	232,304	679,140	911,444	502,265	75,760	17,400	118,955
October	232,622	701,396	934,018	512,815	76,319	25,400	119,181
November	243,914	744,085	987,999	519,229	85,944	30,800	122,148
December	246,814	795,436	1,042,250	522,006	82,968	45,050	130,522
January	251,888	801,724	1,053,612	521,247	78,239	38,000	138,213
February	254,844	835,003	1,089,847	532,224	65,110	33,050	147,825
March	258,916	876,860	1,135,776	557,756	66,743	41,000	147,770
April	267,156	881,176	1,148,332	575,034	64,114	38,450	144,856
May	265,731	863,226	1,128,957	567,234	57,629	32,700	145,112
June	270,016	861,851	1,131,867	574,211	59,442	27,900	139,049
1950-51—							
July	273,250	850,722	1,123,972	588,862	58,305	30,355	136,558
August	273,076	839,516	1,112,592	590,113	59,749	22,730	137,778
September	273,001	868,352	1,141,353	600,248	71,863	30,730	135,761
October	278,572	923,477	1,202,049	616,694	68,456	44,855	127,929
November	280,858	969,553	1,250,411	625,015	72,365	49,990	127,105
December(f)	278,146	1,018,168	1,296,314	641,406	80,327	58,580	128,708
January	279,750	1,029,457	1,309,207	637,529	76,274	64,080	125,964
February	278,174	1,081,627	1,359,801	656,612	77,394	69,192	132,046
March	277,502	1,189,615	1,467,117	679,087	92,045	101,970	131,205
April	285,470	1,196,108	1,481,578	677,149	83,569	115,157	121,505
May	289,709	1,185,697	1,475,406	676,033	72,385	108,760	127,742
June	285,480	1,127,314	1,412,794	678,417	62,633	74,145	124,144

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act* 1945. Includes General Banking Division and the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See footnote (a), page 44. (c) Ten months ended June, 1946. (d) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. (e) See footnote (e), page 42. (f) See footnote (f), page 42.

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ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.
DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1945-46(b) ..	52,887	45,791	14,879	8,661	5,855	2,889	95	131,057
1946-47 ..	65,690	55,433	16,972	10,457	(c)7,189	3,374	119	c 159,234
1947-48(e) ..	(d)78,383	64,285	20,019	12,722	8,746	3,947	142	d 188,244
1948-49 ..	91,990	77,699	24,546	15,493	10,770	4,699	205	225,402
1949-50 ..	115,208	101,877	29,668	19,339	13,822	5,605	265	285,784
1950-51 ..	157,825	140,043	39,226	26,861	19,335	7,370	373	391,033
1948-49—								
June ..	109,639	85,062	28,313	17,265	11,284	5,229	296	257,088
1949-50—								
July ..	101,469	87,612	28,179	16,447	11,127	5,427	341	250,602
August ..	89,362	77,327	24,124	15,115	10,524	4,733	215	221,400
September ..	100,263	89,215	26,105	16,584	12,239	5,235	213	249,854
October ..	106,857	93,452	27,835	17,995	12,658	5,082	212	264,091
November ..	118,461	99,156	30,087	19,867	14,769	5,122	239	287,701
December ..	121,687	117,531	32,906	20,621	14,439	5,346	243	312,773
January ..	105,888	90,096	27,742	18,745	15,866	4,802	240	263,379
February ..	117,702	108,231	28,433	22,331	15,694	5,703	238	298,332
March ..	130,240	114,816	30,274	22,415	16,854	6,745	286	321,630
April ..	118,547	110,778	30,538	19,988	12,955	5,680	276	298,762
May ..	134,037	118,507	34,775	20,655	14,455	6,504	365	329,298
June ..	135,165	115,228	34,874	21,132	13,950	6,713	301	327,363
1950-51—								
July ..	133,214	120,536	36,702	22,722	15,131	6,887	330	335,522
August ..	119,321	107,347	30,551	20,316	13,756	6,271	313	297,875
September ..	139,507	114,662	34,192	23,511	17,463	6,273	327	335,935
October ..	146,293	134,194	38,927	24,705	17,922	6,548	358	368,947
November ..	159,334	136,664	40,823	24,947	19,102	6,438	373	387,681
December ..	171,348	145,778	41,085	28,284	20,539	6,798	346	414,178
January ..	143,702	130,438	35,283	25,227	21,954	6,459	362	363,425
February ..	173,000	154,671	38,931	30,449	22,673	8,523	398	428,645
March ..	171,966	148,299	40,861	32,802	20,700	8,579	395	423,602
April ..	174,463	175,357	44,756	30,221	25,099	8,519	426	458,841
May ..	180,164	162,391	44,739	30,295	19,625	8,625	433	446,272
June ..	188,780	156,010	45,242	30,520	18,779	8,939	421	448,691

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act 1945*. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (d) See footnote (d) on previous page. (e) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from the Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948.

For meaning of symbol — see page 1.

BANK CLEARINGS.(a)

Statistics of debits to customers' accounts were not available prior to September, 1945 (for September, 1945, onward see page 47). In their absence bank clearings form a useful index of the money-value of cheque payments. Since they do not include cheques deposited in the banks on which they are drawn, the figures are not exhaustive, and their comparability is sometimes impaired by the effects of banking amalgamations. Cheque clearings connected with the redemption or issue of Treasury Bills have been excluded from the following table, but adjustments have not been made for other sporadic transactions concerned with public finance.

Period.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.	
							Weekly Averages.	Index. (b)
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
W e e k l y A v e r a g e s .								
1936-37 ..	17,247	15,592	3,753	2,900	1,989	559	42,040	976
1937-38 ..	17,964	16,323	4,038	3,040	2,092	577	44,034	1,023
1938-39 ..	17,832	15,415	4,212	2,953	2,055	623	43,090	1,001
1944-45 ..	28,556	27,839	6,895	5,127	2,777	1,032	72,226	1,678
1945-46 ..	30,968	31,398	7,154	5,593	3,257	1,185	79,555	1,848
1946-47 ..	38,580	35,631	7,978	6,469	3,926	1,310	93,894	2,181
1947-48 ..	44,786	41,237	9,288	8,038	4,892	1,543	109,784	2,550
1948-49 ..	53,519	48,870	11,131	9,663	6,039	1,778	131,000	3,043
1949-50 ..	64,909	61,003	13,278	11,604	7,458	2,116	160,368	3,725
1950-51 ..	88,588	82,022	18,046	15,957	10,809	2,885	218,307	5,070
1948-49—								
June ..	61,354	52,807	13,058	10,401	6,092	1,796	145,508	3,380
1949-50—								
July ..	58,500	52,377	12,448	9,696	6,002	1,885	140,908	3,273
August ..	47,157	45,382	9,989	8,761	5,525	1,709	118,523	2,753
September ..	61,661	53,465	11,745	9,999	6,667	1,973	145,510	3,380
October ..	60,016	58,126	12,650	11,279	6,896	2,011	150,978	3,507
November ..	67,042	60,822	13,337	12,329	7,822	1,858	163,210	3,791
December ..	67,748	68,031	15,205	12,258	8,392	2,034	173,668	4,024
January ..	58,675	51,137	11,365	10,990	8,220	1,748	142,135	3,301
February ..	65,176	63,543	12,231	12,862	8,871	2,238	164,921	3,830
March ..	78,113	69,701	13,949	13,300	9,169	2,816	187,048	4,344
April ..	65,273	64,651	13,790	12,347	6,717	2,079	164,857	3,829
May ..	73,410	71,388	15,515	12,219	7,596	2,441	182,569	4,240
June ..	73,485	70,478	16,715	12,992	7,525	2,478	183,673	4,266
1950-51—								
July ..	73,359	72,599	16,602	12,972	8,157	2,565	186,254	4,326
August ..	63,825	63,276	12,779	11,389	7,083	2,367	160,719	3,733
September ..	81,653	70,859	14,883	14,892	9,730	2,367	194,384	4,515
October ..	84,310	78,368	18,349	16,482	10,005	2,461	209,975	4,877
November ..	86,826	77,973	18,939	14,888	11,104	2,351	212,081	4,926
December ..	95,111	84,513	18,543	16,353	11,461	2,446	228,427	5,305
January ..	80,352	71,403	15,272	15,006	12,120	2,497	196,650	4,567
February ..	97,769	86,128	17,922	17,406	13,917	4,410	237,552	5,517
March ..	102,607	84,044	19,936	20,266	11,341	4,006	242,200	5,625
April ..	96,935	97,288	21,338	17,927	14,825	3,188	251,501	5,841
May ..	96,843	101,401	21,043	17,555	10,725	3,132	250,699	5,823
June ..	108,244	98,281	21,576	17,426	9,871	3,137	258,535	6,005

(a) For periods to December, 1946, averages of weeks ended last Monday of period; thereafter averages of weeks ended last Wednesday. (b) Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. The monthly index is based on the clearings for the month without adjustment for seasonal variations.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£'000.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.							War Savings and Savings Certificates— Net Amount Outstanding.
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(a)	
1936-37 ..	81,952	75,720	27,304	26,506	11,835	7,215	230,851	—
1937-38 ..	86,016	78,877	28,206	27,244	12,037	7,692	240,432	—
1938-39 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	245,587	—
1944-45 ..	198,203	182,149	80,094	56,995	31,763	16,914	566,964	52,534
1945-46 ..	236,242	211,326	90,063	65,865	38,289	20,448	663,554	54,677
1946-47 ..	231,368	216,107	85,602	67,900	36,625	20,856	660,015	59,526
1947-48 ..	236,964	226,401	84,836	73,613	36,183	21,572	681,318	64,483
1948-49 ..	244,483	239,246	87,442	81,176	37,535	22,413	714,232	62,198
1949-50 ..	258,874	257,121	*92,201	*87,695	39,612	24,272	*762,085	55,025
1950-51 ..	284,467	281,779	98,840	97,849	44,672	27,155	837,444	48,115
1948-49— June ..	244,483	239,246	87,442	81,176	37,535	22,413	b 714,232	62,198
1949-50— July ..	246,065	240,982	88,282	81,858	37,792	22,647	719,630	61,582
August ..	246,002	241,632	88,725	82,115	37,902	22,973	721,390	60,949
September ..	246,125	242,513	89,085	82,275	38,073	23,080	723,229	60,357
October ..	247,919	243,845	89,626	82,800	38,384	23,219	727,881	59,716
November ..	248,356	244,591	89,738	83,193	38,367	23,139	729,504	59,065
December ..	249,019	246,015	89,947	83,516	38,291	23,227	732,127	58,431
January ..	250,594	247,458	89,708	84,136	38,347	23,387	735,773	57,790
February ..	251,755	248,322	89,993	84,809	38,493	23,685	739,234	57,263
March ..	252,633	249,369	89,827	85,239	38,710	23,849	741,830	56,731
April ..	253,523	250,700	89,916	85,618	38,781	23,948	744,714	56,130
May ..	253,654	251,628	90,189	85,664	38,724	23,973	746,064	55,612
June ..	258,874	257,121	92,201	87,695	39,612	24,272	b 762,085	55,025
1950-51— July ..	260,043	256,905	92,437	88,058	39,688	24,415	763,887	54,463
August ..	259,020	256,364	92,504	87,878	39,652	24,621	762,379	53,896
September ..	259,695	258,021	93,231	88,486	39,959	24,699	766,455	53,299
October ..	259,274	258,315	93,390	88,659	40,004	24,589	766,612	52,701
November ..	258,950	258,469	93,445	88,947	39,936	24,507	766,665	52,103
December ..	260,142	259,262	93,856	89,281	39,809	24,508	769,224	51,423
January ..	261,688	260,943	93,774	90,166	39,965	24,748	773,668	50,856
February ..	264,424	262,209	94,182	91,297	40,465	25,160	780,177	50,280
March ..	278,681	273,553	98,358	94,983	43,300	26,350	817,849	49,736
April ..	279,378	274,811	98,193	95,489	43,599	26,538	820,648	49,194
May ..	279,755	276,959	98,579	95,846	43,868	26,749	824,407	48,658
June ..	284,467	281,779	98,840	97,849	44,672	27,155	b 837,444	48,115

(a) Includes Internal Territories.

(b) Interest added—1948-49, £11.7m.; 1949-50, £12.2m.; 1950-51, £12.8m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS : AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Australian Trading Banks. Interest on Fixed Deposits.				C'wealth. Savings Bank.	Treasury Bills (Discount Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales —Urban Securities.			
							Taxed at 1930 C'wealth. Rates.					
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.			Deposits (maxi- mum rate of interest).	Under 5 years.				
1936-37 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	(a)	(a)	(b)			
1937-38 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.57	3.94	5.3			
1938-39 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.30	3.71	5.4			
							3.67	3.84	5.5			
Taxed at Current C'wlth. Rates.												
							Short-dated, 2 years.	Long-dated, 12 years.				
1944-45 ..	0.56	0.81	1.28	1.78	2.0	1.17	(c)	(c)	4.9			
1945-46 ..	0.50	0.75	1.10	(d) 1.60	2.0	1.00	2.47	3.25	4.7			
1946-47 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	2.19	3.24	4.5			
1947-48 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	1.93	3.21	4.4			
1948-49 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.96	2.34	3.16	4.4			
1949-50 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.07	3.12	4.4			
1950-51 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.13	4.4			
							1.99	3.21	4.4			
1949-50—												
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.99	3.14	4.4			
August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.93	3.13	4.4			
September ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.99	3.14	4.4			
October ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.13	4.4			
November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.13	4.4			
December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.12	4.4			
January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.83	3.12	4.4			
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.12	4.4			
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.13	4.4			
April ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.14	4.4			
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.13	4.4			
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.15	4.4			
1950-51—												
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.14	4.4			
August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.15	4.4			
September ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.15	4.4			
October ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.13	4.4			
November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.14	4.4			
December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.17	4.4			
January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.98	3.15	4.4			
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.21	4.4			
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.02	3.27	4.4			
April ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.28	4.4			
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.24	4.4			
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.05	3.51	4.4			
1951-52—												
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75						

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.
(b) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (c) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.
(d) For December, 1945 and onward 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess.

EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

Period.	Exchange Rates.			Gold Prices.	
	Australia on London.(a)	London on New York.(a)	Australia on New York.(b)	Australia.(c)	London.
	£A. per £100 stg.	\$ per £ stg.	\$ per £ A.	£A. per fine oz.	£ stg. per fine oz.
1936-37	.. .. 125.25	4.939	3.929	8.761	7.041
1937-38	.. .. 125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001
1938-39	.. .. 125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340
1944-45	.. .. 125.25	4.030	3.198	10.592	8.413
1945-46	.. .. 125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
1946-47	.. .. 125.25	4.030	3.199	10.763	8.613
1947-48	.. .. 125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
1948-49	.. .. 125.25	4.030	3.204	10.763	8.613
1949-50	.. .. 125.25	3.074	2.445	14.443	11.557
1950-51	.. .. 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1949-50—					
July	.. .. 125.25	4.030	3.206	10.763	8.613
August	.. .. 125.25	4.030	3.206	10.763	8.613
September(d)	.. .. 125.25	3.538	2.792	12.763	10.128
October	.. .. 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
November 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
December 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
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March 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
April 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
May 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
June	.. .. 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1950-51—					
July	.. .. 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
August	.. .. 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
September 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
October 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
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April 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
May 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
June 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1951-52—					
July	.. .. 125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400

(a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers.
 price paid by the mints in Australia. (d) From 19th September, 1949 exchange rates were changed to London on New York, Buying \$2.80125, Selling \$2.79875 ; Australia on New York, Buying \$2.2425 ; Selling \$2.2275. Gold prices were changed to—Australia, £15.492, London, £12.400.

(b) Selling rate. Direct quotations.

(c) Average

LIFE ASSURANCE. (a)

Period.	New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims &c. Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
MONTHLY AVERAGES.									
1937	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	..
1938	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	..
1939	11,292	3,886	32,124	1,545	1,144	541	833	303	..
1944	9,772	4,206	23,792	1,503	1,481	726	895	379	..
1945	10,918	5,086	24,197	1,636	1,635	781	1,016	409	..
1946	17,057	8,341	29,891	2,218	1,839	823	1,092	433	..
1947(a)	19,808	9,549	26,271	2,316	2,113	889	1,052	456	..
1947-48(a)	20,171	10,077	26,915	2,492	2,258	910	1,044	471	1,057
1948-49	20,201	10,618	25,254	2,458	2,539	967	1,112	497	1,476
1949-50	20,492	12,176	24,999	2,509	2,877	1,003	1,224	512	2,778
MONTHLY TOTALS.									
1948-49—									
May	20,834	11,185	30,989	3,023	2,678	1,022	1,194	568	1,534
June	20,965	11,645	26,456	2,657	3,215	974	1,275	522	2,287
1949-50—									
July	21,250	12,617	22,313	2,157	2,910	957	1,163	541	1,571
August	23,705	12,495	28,284	2,770	2,819	1,036	1,258	580	2,623
September	28,377	15,869	32,246	3,268	2,992	1,034	1,304	560	1,972
October	17,167	9,534	32,525	3,191	2,596	1,034	1,166	561	2,702
November	21,592	12,737	26,108	2,610	2,621	1,010	1,305	526	2,222
December	24,680	17,781	17,363	1,726	3,158	1,195	1,177	485	2,472
January	11,748	6,825	9,945	1,003	2,480	673	1,041	374	1,387
February	15,955	8,848	24,529	2,458	2,384	984	1,128	462	1,965
March	21,343	13,023	28,428	2,862	3,011	1,083	1,278	555	3,284
April	17,400	10,478	20,234	2,087	2,561	916	1,024	409	4,513
May	21,344	13,196	32,123	3,283	3,202	1,059	1,404	561	2,620
June	21,341	12,712	25,894	2,689	3,791	1,053	1,439	535	6,003
1950-51—									
July	21,192	13,847	27,600	2,838	3,325	1,059	1,309	538	3,286
August	23,897	15,476	25,686	2,671	3,257	1,053	1,359	530	3,579
September	30,918	18,353	28,496	2,984	3,059	1,009	1,422	512	2,768
October	18,273	11,894	28,880	2,930	3,020	1,087	1,387	527	4,112
November	20,832	14,221	23,539	2,444	3,092	1,129	1,348	495	3,451
December	24,895	19,676	15,836	1,642	3,359	1,198	1,221	470	5,503
January	12,163	8,221	8,162	885	2,824	687	1,077	366	2,692
February	15,816	10,631	21,445	2,307	2,712	1,021	1,187	463	4,152
March	20,629	15,251	22,817	2,512	3,099	1,087	1,240	483	3,956
April	20,965	15,945	24,704	2,728	3,049	1,078	1,419	476	3,753
May	23,566	18,249	23,044	2,588	3,625	1,093	1,405	523	4,803

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

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COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)
(£'000.)

Government of—	1949-50.			1950-51.†		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).
New South Wales(b) ..	111,062	112,299	— 1,237	129,548	129,512	+ 36
Victoria	55,557	55,816	— 259			
Queensland	37,119	37,090	+ 29	44,723	44,625	+ 98
South Australia	26,360	26,550	— 190			
Western Australia	26,018	25,994	+ 24	28,973	28,814	+ 159
Tasmania	7,077	7,344	— 267	7,820	8,066	— 246
Six States	263,193	265,093	— 1,900			
Commonwealth	580,652	580,652	—	841,791	841,791	—
Grand Total	*751,124	*753,024	— 1,900			

Government of—	1949-50.			1950-51 Estimate.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).
New South Wales(b) ..	111,062	112,299	— 1,237	123,321	123,545	— 224
Victoria	55,557	55,816	— 259	60,117	62,567	— 2,450
Queensland	37,119	37,090	+ 29	40,478	41,246	— 768
South Australia	26,360	26,550	— 190	30,230	30,240	— 10
Western Australia	26,018	25,994	+ 24	27,071	27,557	— 486
Tasmania	7,077	7,344	— 267	7,369	7,745	— 376
Six States	263,193	265,093	— 1,900	288,586	292,900	— 4,314
Commonwealth	580,652	580,652	—	789,658	789,268	+ 390
Grand Total	*751,124	*753,024	— 1,900	974,550	978,474	— 3,924

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and coal strike emergency grant, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted.
 (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)
(£'000.)

Where Redeemable.	Commonwealth Securities issued on behalf of—							
	Common-wealth.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
At 31st July, 1951—								
Australia (b) ..	83,280	—	2,000	—	—	—	400	85,680
London ..	1,220	9,796	5,805	—	3,816	2,960	491	24,088
At 31st July, 1950—								
Australia (b) ..	88,280	—	—	—	—	—	—	88,280
London ..	1,470	9,796	5,805	—	3,816	2,960	491	24,338

(a) Excludes overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian; in London, £1 sterling.
 (b) Excludes Internal Treasury Bills.

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POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a)	Broadcast Listener's Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Telephone Services connected at end of period.			
			Lines.	Instruments.		
£'000.						
Monthly Averages.						
1936-37	1,318	938,331	440,471	594,855		
1937-38	1,396	1,056,004	465,498	630,175		
1938-39	1,447	1,129,786	487,535	661,996		
1944-45	2,323	(c) 1,479,802	577,777	827,862		
1945-46	2,371	1,506,080	607,475	855,917		
1946-47	2,484	1,771,247	647,876	905,017		
1947-48	2,616	1,832,816	688,348	963,154		
1948-49	2,776	1,919,022	734,427	1,028,134		
1949-50	3,196	2,029,628	793,077	1,109,984		
1950-51	3,732	2,109,660	864,088	1,209,406		
Monthly Totals.						
1949-50—						
July	2,522	1,910,856	738,723	1,034,080		
August	2,935	1,947,459	744,270	1,041,282		
September	2,868	1,971,608	749,024	1,047,890		
October	3,062	1,978,730	753,556	1,054,276		
November	3,351	1,982,530	758,309	1,060,892		
December	3,515	1,986,180	762,407	1,066,385		
January	3,010	1,991,312	767,135	1,072,874		
February	3,333	1,998,890	771,819	1,079,657		
March	3,582	2,007,632	777,158	1,087,342		
April	2,916	2,010,372	781,208	1,093,182		
May	3,704	2,019,199	787,650	1,102,267		
June	3,550	2,029,628	793,077	1,109,984		
1950-51—						
July	3,021	2,042,691	798,641	1,117,662		
August	3,595	2,025,600	804,555	1,126,245		
September	3,276	2,028,745	810,435	1,134,173		
October	3,604	2,047,040	816,638	1,142,642		
November	3,563	2,057,417	822,741	1,151,265		
December	3,996	2,063,506	827,719	1,158,202		
January	3,574	2,067,570	833,412	1,166,573		
February	3,710	2,075,116	838,505	1,174,173		
March	3,695	2,074,775	844,258	1,182,035		
April	4,099	2,085,715	850,521	1,190,631		
May	4,361	2,092,021	857,578	1,200,248		
June	4,284	2,109,660	864,088	1,209,406		
1951-52—						
July	4,346					

(a) Actual collections.
are included.

(b) Includes Papua.

(c) Commencing in July, 1942, licences for receivers in excess of one

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OVERSEA MIGRATION.(a)

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops and their dependants, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops and dependants from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

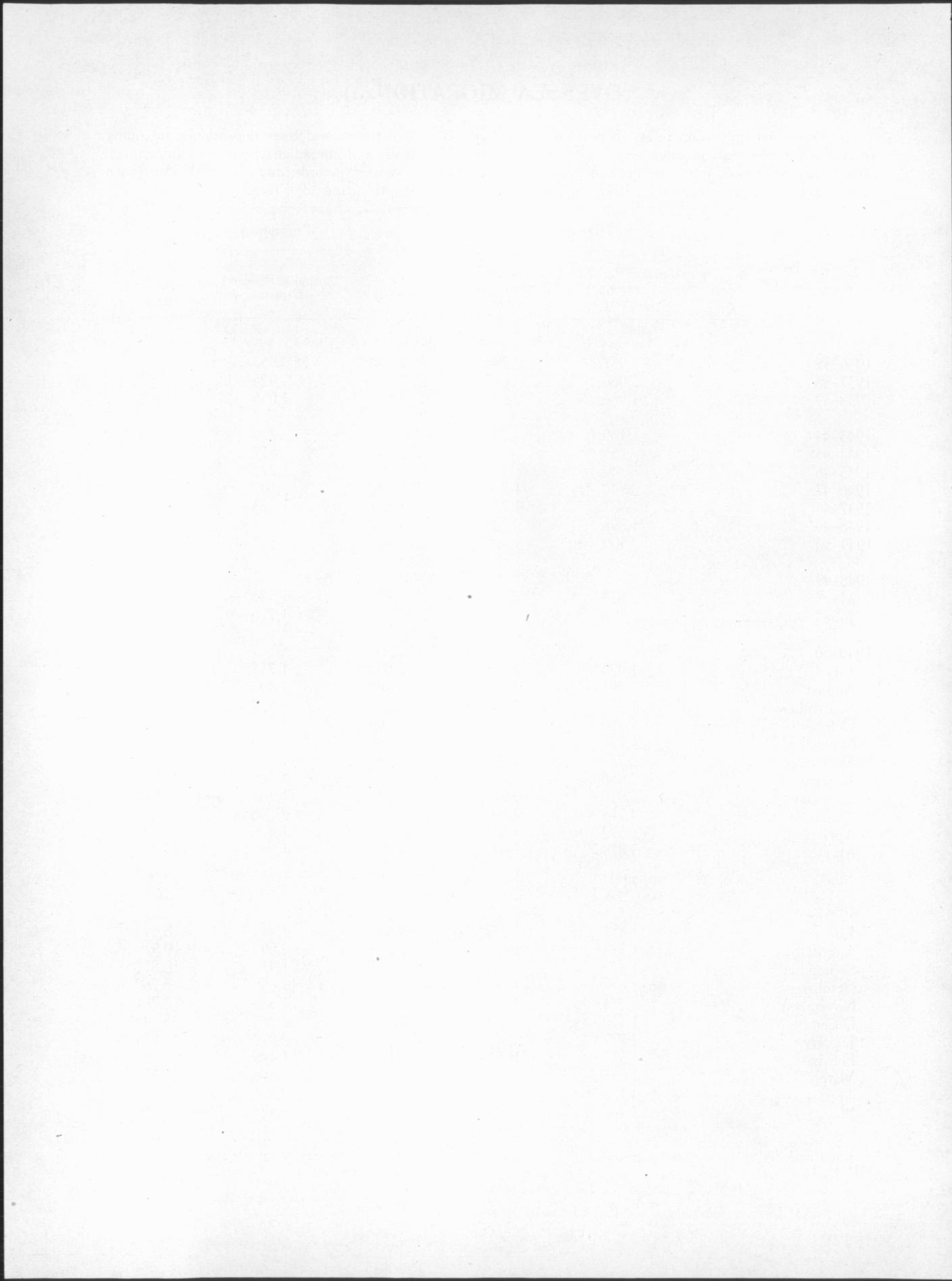
Period.	Temporary.		Permanent.		
	Australian Residents Departing Overseas.	Visitors Arriving from Overseas.	New Arrivals.	Australian Residents Departing.	Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-).
Monthly Averages.					
1936-37	1,937	2,294	1,148	953	+ 195
1937-38	2,060	2,617	1,478	925	+ 553
1938-39	1,966	2,649	2,081	1,055	+ 1,026
Monthly Totals.					
1943-44	100	200	(b) 208	229	- 21
1944-45	255	246	(b) 342	577	- 235
1945-46	344	550	1,063	1,772	- 709
1946-47	940	1,229	1,918	2,107	- 189
1947-48	1,981	1,729	3,881	1,523	+ 2,358
1948-49	1,898	2,829	9,568	1,511	+ 8,057
1949-50	2,500	3,470	15,407	1,608	+13,799
1948-49—					
May	2,878	2,898	18,925	1,540	+17,385
June	2,128	2,847	17,329	1,776	+15,553
1949-50—					
July	1,424	2,429	12,032	1,733	+10,299
August	1,291	2,573	13,982	1,493	+12,489
September	1,396	2,545	14,366	1,422	+12,944
October	1,310	3,502	16,004	1,023	+14,981
November	1,772	3,407	16,368	1,393	+14,975
December	2,733	3,790	18,455	1,611	+16,844
January	2,666	4,016	14,764	1,625	+13,139
February	2,936	3,917	14,332	1,368	+12,964
March	4,215	4,992	22,313	2,246	+20,067
April	3,572	3,601	15,483	1,498	+13,985
May	3,679	3,643	14,927	1,925	+13,002
June	3,003	3,229	11,863	1,955	+ 9,908
1950-51—					
July	1,651	2,117	9,988	1,414	+ 8,574
August	1,784	3,621	13,078	2,099	+10,979
September	1,478	3,137	12,291	1,419	+10,872
October	1,645	4,197	10,416	1,656	+ 8,760
November	1,274	3,371	17,656	1,365	+16,291
December	3,510	3,851	17,429	2,285	+15,144
January	2,777	2,875	13,219	2,040	+11,179
February	3,517	4,936	8,650	1,499	+ 7,151
March	3,655	4,698	16,854	1,848	+15,006
April	4,153	3,511	*11,264	2,061	+*9,203
May	3,444	3,769	9,333	1,575	+ 7,758

(a) Excludes troop movements, September, 1939, to June, 1947.

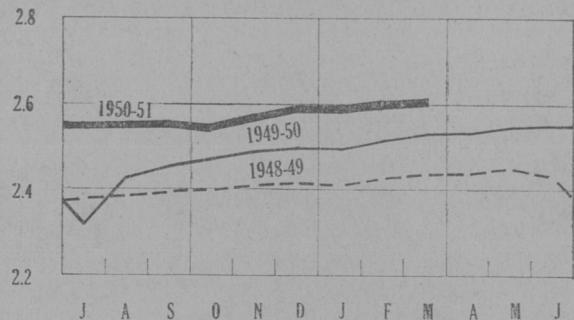
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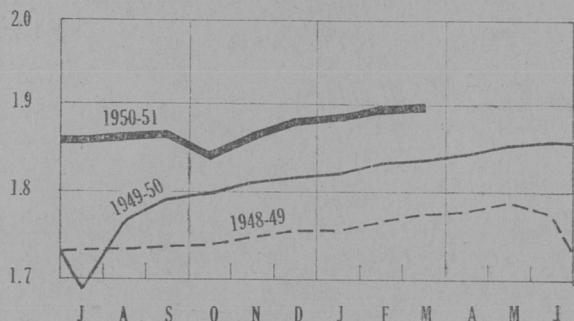
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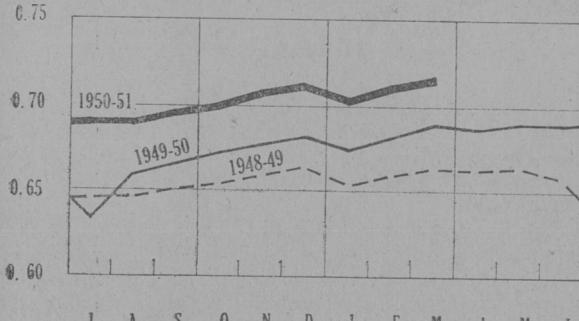
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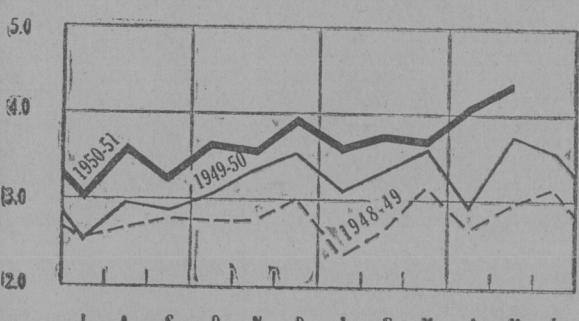
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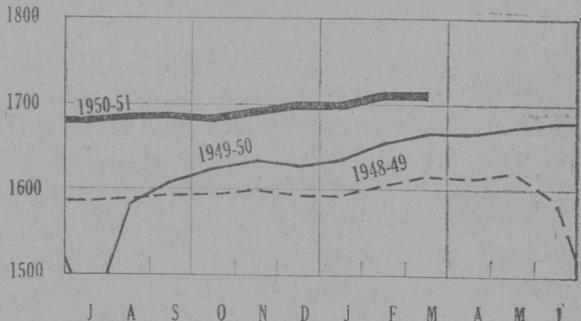
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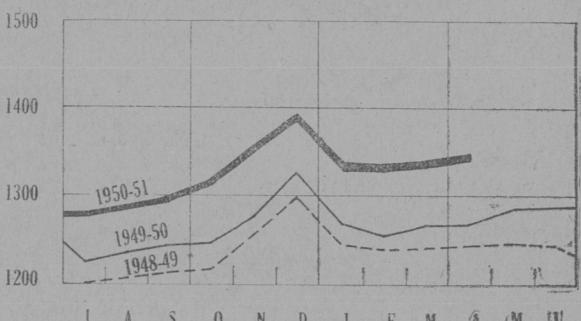
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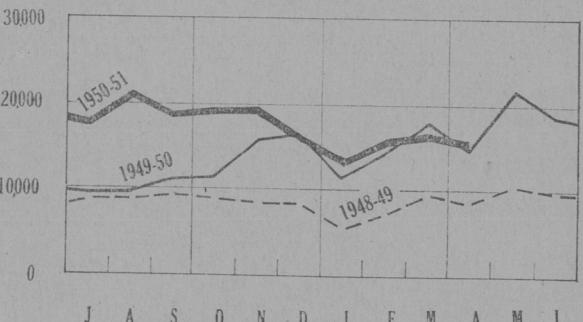
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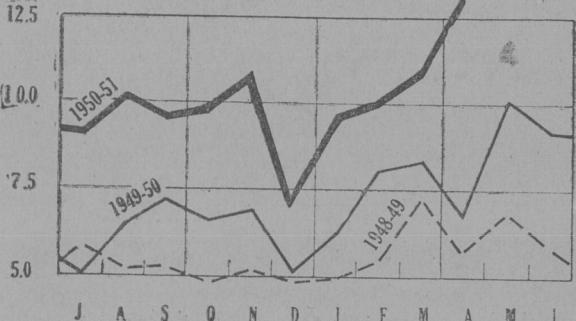
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